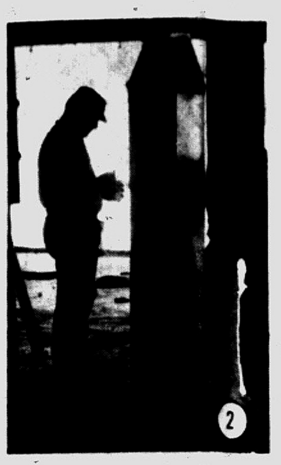
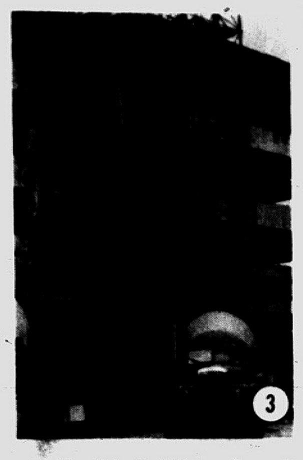

Construction progress on new Baptist Building shows: (1) Framework of full 4-story building now erected. (2) Heating and air-conditioning conduits being readied for erection. (3) Construction elevator in action. (4) Roof being poured, with State Capitol and Woolfolk Building seen in background. (5) Ground floor brickwork.

Construction On Baptist Building Is Progressing Rapidly

Construction of the new Baptist Building in Jackson is proceeding at rapid pace.

Concrete for the roof was poured last week, completing the super - structure of the present four stories. The foundation is so built that three more stories can be added, when and if needed.

Last week the Baptist Record interviewed several persons connected with the construction of the building in order to report to Mississippi Baptists the progress that is being made.

B. H. Biggers of the firm of B. H. Biggers and Associates, architects for the building, said that the building should be completed around September 1, and should be ready for occupancy soon thereafter.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, stated that the move into the new building was scheduled for October, so that it will be ready for dedication at the time of the Mississippi Baptist state convention in early November.

Business Manager, A. L. Nelson, of the Convention Board said that the building committee had employed a consultant on furnishings for the new building. The firm has suggested a standardization of both style and quality, with enough flexibility to meet individual departmental needs. Specifications are being prepared and will be offered for bids in late May or early June, for October delivery.

Furnishings for the Chapel are being provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Touchstone Sr., in memory of their two sons who lost their lives in a plane accident in 1965. One of the sons, T. N. Touchstone Jr., was one of the architects in the original planning of the building.

The building is being erected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and was authorized by the 1965 session of the state convention.

The superstructure of the building is completed with all of the concrete and steel reinforcement in place. Masonry is proceeding rapidly. Heating and air - conditioning equipment are in place and the duct-work has been installed on the lower floors. The plumbing is being installed. All of the main electric panels are installed, and conduits for the wiring are ready on most of the floors. Removal of the temporary bracing for the roof will be done this week, and installation work on the fourth floor will proceed rapidly.

Mr. Biggers who is a deacon of, First Church, Jackson, called attention to the fact that while the building is spacious, and will be very attractive, it is a functional building, planned to give the largest possible service for the money spent. Not one dollar is being wasted for nonessentials. He added that the building is being constructed for permanency, and will serve the denomination for long years to come.

In discussing some of the statistics of the building Mr. Biggers said that more than 2400 cubic yards of concrete, and more than 260 tons of steel already have been used. He said that there will be approximately 200 tons of air-conditioning, and that 500,000 watts of power will be available for the building.

In discussing his pleasure

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ASSIGNS COUPLE TO 65th COUNTRY

FMB Force Nears 2300

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its full spring meeting in Richmond, Va., April 10-12, appointed 23 career missionaries; employed four missionary associates; invited 61 young men and women to become missionary journeymen, pending completion of eight weeks of training; assigned a missionary couple to Botswana (the 65th country to which Southern Baptist missionaries are now under appointment) elected Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., of Houston, Tex., to its administrative staff as music consultant; named a Committee to formulate plans for the observance of its 125th anniversary in 1970; and asked the department for missionary personnel, with the help of Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant, to plan a medical mission consultation to be held in Richmond in 1968.

The Foreign Mission Board ended 1966 with an overseas staff of 2,212. Recent appointments brought the total to 2,287. However, the return of the first group of journeymen will bring a sharp dip in midsummer.

Of the 207 new missionaries sent out in 1966, there were 131 career people, 20 associates, three special project persons, five reappointments, and 48 journeymen. For the third time in four years the loss of the career force was under 3 percent (2.75 in 1966). Losses are from death, retirement, and resignation.

The momentum now being experienced in an ever increasing number of missionaries is "best illustrated by the fact that over 50 percent of the current Southern Baptist missionary force has been sent out since January 1, 1960," says Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board.

"The personnel staff is greatly encouraged by the continuing stability of the career force, especially in light of troubled political developments in so many of the countries where the missionaries are at work," Dr. Fletcher said.

Currently, about 7 percent of the missionary force serve in one of the short-term categories of missionary personnel, Dr. Fletcher explained. It is expected that the short-term percentage will remain under 10 percent for the foreseeable future. "The short-term group provides mobility and flexibility in personnel," he said, "but only career people can provide stability and long-term growth."

The missionaries appointed in 1966 included 74 couples, two single men, and nine single women in the career, associate, and special categories. The journeymen were all single and they included 18 men and 30 women.

The 1966 missionaries came from all over the Southern Baptist Convention, including Hawaii. Texas had the largest group, followed by North Carolina, Tennessee and Missouri (tied), Oklahoma, and Kentucky and Virginia (tied), in that order. (The state counted was that in which the missionary was residing at the time of appointment.)

Thirty-nine of the 63 countries in which the Foreign Mission Board had missionaries in 1966 received new missionaries, "In more negative terms this means that missionaries in 24 countries received no reinforcements in 1966," Dr. Fletcher commented.

The largest group of new

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Commission Endorses New Name For SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention elected new officers and approved a brief recommendation endorsing adoption of a name for the Southern Baptist Convention that reflects "our national constituency."

The brief recommendation on the convention name change came as one of seven recommendations from the Historical Commission's promotional committee. It was adopted without discussion or debate.

The brief recommendation said: "That the Historical Commission endorse the proposal that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt a name that reflects our national constituency."

It is believed to be the first time that an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention has taken official action endorsing a "national" name for the convention, although the executive secretary and the official publication of the SBC Home Mission Board each have endorsed changing the name of the convention.

The Executive Committee of the convention is currently studying the proposal, but no immediate action is expected.

Major business action of the Historical Commission was elected of Fred C. Schatz, dean of Belmont College (Baptist) in Nashville, as new chairman, succeeding C. Penrose St. Amant, dean of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Other officers of the commission were Richard N. Owen of Nashville, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, elected vice chairman; and Martin Bradley, secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board's research and statistics department, recording secretary.

The commission also urged editors of state Baptist papers to index articles appearing in their publications, and devoted much of one session to discussions on how to properly index a publication. Several of the state paper editors attended.

Major address of the two-day annual meeting was delivered by Outgoing Chairman, St. Amant of Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Speaking on "Our Baptist Heritage and The Church," St. Amant said that the church today is being criticized openly by much of society, especially the religious press. He said there is much wrong with the church, but there is also much that is right with the church.

"The critics tend to take a particularly dim view of denominational governing bodies which . . .simply rubber-stamp what the executives want to do," St. Amant said. "Some bright young sociologists of religion are saying caustically that suburban churches especially are almost a conspiracy against God."

"Let us admit," he said, "That there is sometimes a chasm between Christ and His church. When we consider the inquisitions, the bigotry, the provincialisms, the excessive concern for theological subtilties, or what is worse, the lack of theological concern or its conformity to cultural, class and racial criteria, it seems" that some of the critics are right, he said.

"There is another side," he added, "for much is right with the church. What is right for Baptists grows out of our heritage, for this heritage, at its best, seeks to express the genius of the New Testament faith."

"The genius of our heritage is that the church at its best is both the body of Christ and the gathered community at the same time," St. Amant declared. "The church in the broad sense without the gathered community at the same time," St. Amant declared. "The church in the broad

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S. Africa Crusade Still To Continue

ATLANTA (BP)—A spokesman for the Baptist Union of South Africa said here that plans for a revival crusade in his country are likely to continue, despite Southern Baptist cancellation of their supporting role.

Keith W. Reid, secretary for the South Africa Baptist Christian education department, said that Southern Baptist preachers had lost a great opportunity for evangelism.

The Baptist Home Mission Board here was to have recruited about 100 preachers for the September crusade, but backed out when the Baptist Union and the South African government placed stipulations on the agreement, including a statement that an integrated party of evangelists could not be welcomed at the airport, and that preaching on race was forbidden.

South Africa is governed by a policy of strict separation of the races, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was originally to have recruited about 20 Negro preachers for Negro churches participating in the crusade.

Reid said loss of Southern Baptist support may delay the simultaneous crusades in about 100 of the Baptist Union's 138 churches. He ex-

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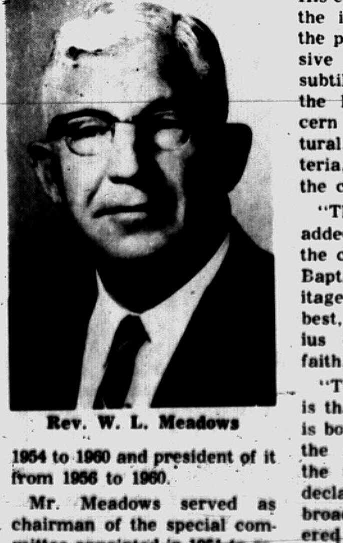
Last Rites Held For State Baptist Leader

Services for Rev. W. L. Meadows, who died Saturday, April 22 were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Quitman at 2 p.m. with Walters Funeral Home in charge.


Rev. W. L. Meadows

The service was conducted by Rev. Jackie Hamilton, pastor. Assisting were Rev. Al Finch, Baptist pastor of Mobile; Rev. N. F. Greer, of Jackson, former pastor of the church, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention Board.

Mr. Meadows served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Quitman for 25 years and was vice - president of the Church Building and Savings Association in Jackson.

He was active in the Mississippi Baptist Convention, serving as its vice-president in 1953 and preaching the convention sermon in 1954.

He was a member of the State Convention Board from 1954 to 1960 and president of it from 1956 to 1960.

Mr. Meadows served as chairman of the special committee appointed in 1951 to revise the constitution and bylaws of the convention. He

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SBC PRESIDENT

PASCHALL POINTS TO ISSUES FACING SBC, RECALLS ACTIVE YEAR IN OFFICE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tenn., outlines the major issues facing the denomination based on his travels throughout the convention, recounts his experiences in his first year as president of the 11-million member convention, and comments on the forthcoming convention in Miami Beach, May 30 - June 2. The interview with Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, was conducted by Jack U. Harwell, editor of The Christian Index, Atlanta.

QUESTION: You have made many trips in your duties as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. How many miles would you estimate that you traveled this year, and how much were you away from your own pulpit?

ANSWER: I have tried to limit my travels as president of the Convention, but even so, trips multiply. I have visited our mission fields in the Orient and in South America, since our Detroit meeting. I have kept no record of the miles traveled. Convention responsibilities, including the mission tours, have made it necessary for me to be out of my pulpit on six Sundays.

QUESTION: What is your brief evaluation of the status of Southern Baptist work in the Orient and in South America?

ANSWER: There are signs in the Orient, particularly in Japan, which indicate that our mission work may be on the verge of an evangelistic breakthrough. I sensed this in the Japan Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference last June. It may be that the climate of Japan is more favorable to the Gospel now than ever before. There is a sense of expectancy on the part of our missionaries as they plan and pray and work toward a new advance. In South America there are many signs of Gospel progress. From the standpoint of our Baptist work, Brazil is the brightest spot in Latin America. In other countries the national leaders and our missionaries are working with increasing effectiveness by way of radio and television as well as in the building of local churches. Latin Americans, in general, are coming to know who Baptists are and to feel the impact of the Gospel which they preach.

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Carey Announces May Day Events

Saturday, May 6, has been set by officials at William Carey College as the date as the annual May Day for prospective students. A full day's activities have been planned beginning at 9 a. m. with registration.

Campus tours will be directed by members of the Circle K Club and the freshmen women's honorary society, Alpha Lambda. The Crusader Band will provide music during registration on

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Blame Is Placed For Nashville Rioting

NASHVILLE (BP)—Recent race riots in Nashville were incited by "the hate spewed by a racist," a strongly-worded editorial in the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Baptist and Reflector has charged.

Editor Richard N. Owen, in an editorial entitled "Blinded by Hate," blamed Stokely Carmichael of the Student Non-Violent Coordinator Committee (SNICK) for inciting the riots.

Another Nashville Baptist leader, Foy Valentine of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, agreed that Carmichael probably triggered the riots, but laid the blame to the conditions of poverty, injustice, unemployment and de facto segregation among Nashville Negroes.

The riots, which lasted for three hectic nights near the campuses of two Negro universities in Nashville, resulted in gunfire, looting, arson, molotov cocktail bombings, tear gas incidents, and more than 30 arrested and a score injured.

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Students at Tennessee A&I (Agricultural and Institutional) State University, and to a lesser extent, students at Fisk University (both Negro institutions), participated in the riots, aimed primarily at Nashville police authority.

What caused the riots is a much debated subject in the Nashville area."

The Baptist and Reflector editorial reflects perhaps the majority opinion of the white community, by placing the blame on Black Power advocate Stokely Carmichael, and his "message of hate."

"Stokley Carmichael and his henchmen intended to stir up trouble," the editorial said. "Trouble erupted like a "putrid boil in Nashville; the same as it has in dozens of other localities following the appearance of Carmichael."

The SNICK leader had spoken at Vanderbilt University and at Tennessee A&I and Fisk on several occasions during a two-week period prior to the riots.

"It is deplorable that some students who should have known better were misled by this Black Power advocate," Owen wrote. "They were incited to violence with the hate spewed by a racist. They were goaded to hate law and order, hate the police force, and cry "brutality" in demeaning police officers, to hate authority and hate the administration of their schools.

"Hate has one harvest: destruction," the editorial declared. "Hate is incipient bloodshed . . . Hate is the violent offspring of jealousy. It is rage, ill-will, contempt for others. It issues from rejection of the rights of others and rebellion against the authority of God."

Owen charged in the editorial that Carmichael "has been intent on leading the students to overthrow the political, economic, and social structures of America.

"He is bent on turning race against race," he added. "His objective is to seize power in the chaos that results.

"All this is in line with the aim of Communism, to pit race against race, class against class, generation against generation," the editorial said. "Nobody wins when tormenters of hate have their day."

Valentine concurred with Owen's observations on Carmichael, but added that SNICK and Black Power concepts are appealing to students because of their long Negro heritage of frustration and oppression.

"Let there be no misunderstanding," Valentine said. "There is still tragic poverty, gross injustice, and massive unemployment among the Negroes of Nashville.

"These conditions frustrate the idealistic students who want a better life now," he observed. "They grasp at anything, even Carmichael's Black Power, which offers the promise of a better life for them, their children, and their race without the kind of delay whcih has been their lot for 350 years."

Valentine said that Carmichael stirred the students to action, but the white power structure of Nashville shares some of the guilt, because it has allowed the conditions of the ghettos to continue.

"It is really tagic," Valentine added. "The riots were trigged by extremists, but the frustrations of idealistic and well educated Negro young people are such that they are like crowning people grasping for straws."

Valentine, a member of the Metropolitan (Nashville) Council on Human Relations which has worked to help solve the racial problems and held numerous meetings following the riots, said the answer to the problem must be an all-out attack on the conditions which the students were protesting.

"We must do all we can to work for justice, for non-discrimination in employment and for fair housing if we are to get at the roots of the problem," Valentine declared.

He concurred with the concluding statements in Owen's editorial, which called for rejecting the hatred of racism and building the community on a foundation of respect, goodwill, faith and love.

It must be built, said the editorial, on the foundation: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," regardless of race, color, or condition of life.

Crusade Still To Continue

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pressed disappointment in the decision, however, emphasizing that his reaction is personal and reflects no official stand of his denomination.

"It seems to me that there is widespread ignorance regarding the complex racial situation that exists in South Africa and some of the problems which have to be faced regarding languages, wide divergence of cultures and stages of development on the part of various segments of the South Africa population," he said.

"One hundred American pastors visiting South Africa would have had the opportunity to see the situation for themselves, would have formed their own conclusions, and would have been able to view South African race problems with a good deal more knowledge and sympathy than present inexperience allows," he added.

Reid said he saw no reason for the "no-preaching-on-politics" stipulation, since visiting preachers "were unlikely to spend the short time available attacking government policies."

He said, however, that South African authorities had told the Baptist Union that American preachers would be granted visas as evangelists and "they would be expected to be evangelists and nothing else."

Reid said that the Executive Committee of the Baptist Union is composed of representatives of every major racial group in the nation. He said there is no official restriction against multi-racial worship in the churches, although practical considerations of language and personal preference make it impractical in most cases.

If you aren't as close to God as you once were don't make a mistake about which one has moved —Baptist Bugle

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METHODIST GIVES BAPTIST CHURCH $230,000 For Gym

ATLANTA (BP)—A Methodist layman has given the Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta $230,000 to erect a gymnasium-activities building, plus $40,000 to establish college scholarships for young men considering the ministry of Christian recreation as a career.

The donor, who refused to let his identity be known, said a major factor behind the gift was the recreation program at Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, in which his two sons have been involved.

He said Robert Ward, director of Christian recreation at Second-Ponce de Leon, had so influenced his boys that he wants the Wieuca Road building named for Mr. Ward.

He also suggested that as soon as Wieuca Road is financially able, that it erect a similar building for some other church in the Atlanta area.

Wieuca Road has recently purchased five additional pieces of property for parking space and is now making plans to erect another educational building plus a sanctuary to seat almost 2,000 people. The entire project will cost about $2 million.

Wieuca Road was started in 1954 as a mission of Second-Ponce de Leon.

—THIRTY

Dr. Chester L. Quarles

Dr. Joe T. Odle

Baptist Leaders To Speak At Carey Commencement

The 1967 William Carey College commencement program will feature two Mississippi Baptist leaders. Dr. Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Saturday morning, May 27, at 11 a. m. Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, will deliver the commencement address on the same date at 7:30 p. m.

Both occasions will be held for the first time in the new Thomas Fine Arts auditorium. Some 143 students are expected to receive their degrees.

Dr. Chester Quarles received his education from Howard College in Birmingham, now Samford University. He also holds the Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. In 1952 he was conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi College in Clinton.

Dr. Quarles has held positions of leadership in the state of Mississippi since 1942 when he came as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Leland. From 1947 to 1950 he was pastor in Alabama, and in 1950 returned to Mississippi to accept the position he now holds as executive secretary of the Baptist Convention.

Dr. Quarles is chairman of the Long Range Rural Church Work Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and is a member of the Joint Committee for the Baptist Jubilee Advance. He is a past president of the Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries Association, past president of the Alabama Baptist Executive Board, first vice - president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and chairman of the Future Program Committee, Joint Promotion Conference, Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Quarles has traveled extensively throughout the world and has conducted preaching missions in Jamaica, Argentina, Spain and Italy. He has led in evangelistic endeavors in Southern Baptist pioneer work in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

Married to the former Virginia Cooper, Dr. Quarles is the father of three children, Mary Virginia, Chester Leland, and Grace Elaine.

Dr. Joe Odle has served in his present capacity as editor of the Baptist Record since October 1, 1959. He was associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1956-1959. Pastorates held by Dr. Odle were Orient, Illinois; Gallaway and Rossville, Tennessee; Barlow, Bandana, and Paducah, Ky.; and the First Baptist Churches of Crystal Springs and Gulfport, Mississippi.

Dr. Odle was vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1953, a member of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board from 1947-56, and has been a Southern Baptist member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs since 1965. He has served on numerous state convention boards and committees both in Kentucky and in Mississippi. He is the author of "Church Member's Handbook" published by Broadman Press. More than 1,300,000 copies of this book have been printed, and Spanish and Chinese editions have been published. A new book will come from the press this summer.

He has conducted revivals in many states, and has participated in evangelistic mission trips to Alaska, The Bahama Islands and Spain. He also has traveled in Europe, the Holy Land, and Central and South America.

Dr. Odle is a native of Illinois and received his education at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mississippi College conferred the Doctor of Divinity Degree upon him in 1949.

He is married to the former Mabel Riley, and the couple had two children, Joe Thomas, who died in 1955, during his Junior year at Mississippi College, and Sarah who is now married and lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

"Mississippi Baptists are fortunate in having the leadership of these two outstanding Christian gentlemen," said President J. Ralph Noonkester, "and we are delighted that they have both acepted our invitation to challenge our 1967 graduates on May 27."

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missionaries went to Brazil. The Philippines, Nigeria, and Japan, in that order, received the next largest groups.

Journeymen were assigned to 20 countries. The largest contingents went to Nigeria, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Liberia, in that order.

Fifty percent of the new missionaries attended Baptist colleges. Nearly all of them secured their seminary training in one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Lottie Moon Offering

The Board had received, as of April 11, $12,958,798 from the 1966 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is approximately a half-million more than had been received by the same date last year. The final figure will not be known until the books on the 1966 offering are closed May 1.

125th Anniversary

Miss Mary Essie Stephens, of Montgomery, Ala., was named chairman of the committee to suggest plans for the Board's 125th anniversary observance. Other committee members are **Dr. Chester L. Quarles, of Jackson, Miss.**; Dr. Wade H. Bryant, of Richmond; Dr. C. Wade Freeman, of Dallas, Tex.; and Mrs. John I. Alford, Sr., of Atlanta, Ga.

First Negro

Miss Sue Thompson of Missouri is the first Negro to be appointed a regular missionary of the Foreign Mission Board in 84 years. She will go to Nigeria. However, one of the missionary journeymen employed in 1965 is a Negro, and there have been several Negroes among the college students who have gone overseas as summer missionaries during the past few years. The Board's policy has never excluded Negroes. The Southern Baptist Convention constitution requires that those appointed missionaries be members of cooperating churches, and there have been few Negroes in these churches.

As Dr. Cauthen handed Miss Thompson a certificate of appointment, he said: "We have waited for you a long time. Go to Nigeria as a letter written in our hearts, a love letter from all of us to all of them, and to one another, saying to all the world, 'In Christ there is no East or West.' "

Responsiveness

Regarding responsiveness to the gospel, Dr. Cauthen said: "In many countries missionaries are caught up in the ongoing of great movements and are challenged to their maximum by the people's receptiveness. In other countries the work is newer; in some it is just beginning. But foundations are being laid.

"Some missionaries serve in turbulent spots. Their record of stability is heroic. Some work in resistant fields where only prayer, labor, love, and sacrifice break through the barriers. In the main, however, the world today presents a picture of wide open opportunities."

Paschall Points To Issues

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QUESTION: Would you recap briefly your impressions of the military and missionary situation as you observed it in Vietnam?

ANSWER: My visit to South Vietnam was very brief. The whole situation is confusing and uncertain. Our missionaries labor against great difficulties, but they are brave and dedicated to the ministry to Christ. In the future, Baptists may have a wonderful opportunity in this part of the world to preach the Gospel, build churches and influence the whole social order.

QUESTION: You have shared in ceremonies officially launching the Crusade of the Americas in Latin America. What, in your opinion, might be the real significance of this hemispheric crusade for Baptists?

ANSWER: The Crusade of the Americas is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to bring the impact of the Gospel on the whole hemisphere. This evangelistic effort is newsworthy. We should be able to have great coverage through radio, television and the printed page. In the Crusade of the Americas we have the opportunity not only to reach many people for Jesus Christ, but to identify ourselves with the righteousness of the Kingdom of God as it pertains to everyday living in the whole social order.

QUESTION: Many share concern that the controversies about American Baptists not participating in the Crusade of the Americas, plus Wayne Dehoney's misinterpreted "invitation" to Catholics to join, might overshadow the constructive planning for the crusade. Do you have any thoughts on this?

ANSWER: The relationship of American Baptists and Roman Catholics to the crusade will not kept it from being a success. American Baptists could have contributed much to the Crusade of the Americas, but their decision not to cooperate in this evangelistic effort should not discourage the other participants from moving ahead with confidence and hope. We could have done more with their help, but we can do much without it. It is encouraging that American Baptists have suggested the possibility of the local churches and state conventions participating in the crusade. The fact that Roman Catholics cannot join in the effort is understandable.

QUESTION: What particular issues do you find Southern Baptists discussing the most as you travel across the 50 states of our convention?

ANSWER: Southern Baptists are discussing many issues, but the following seem to be getting most attention; (1) Federal aid to Baptist institutions, (2) The need for a new evangelistic thrust, (3) The relation of the Southern Baptist Convention to the ecumenical movement, (4) The Vietnam War, (5) The responsibility of Baptists in the social, economic and political programs of the country.

QUESTION: Our last SBC president said Southern Baptists were suffering from a "paralysis of analysis;" that we had spent so much time in recent years studying ourselves but we had fallen into inaction in our major assignments. Do you see this dilemma as a continuing problem for the SBC?

ANSWER: I see professionalism and institutionalism as a great hindrance to our evangelistic and spiritual success. We must be able to get beyond ourselves, our frozen orthodoxy, our religious rigmarole, our organizational routines, our negative thinking, our depressing introspection to preach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More emphasis on spiritual reality will bring better results in all areas of our work.

QUESTION: The Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), and the continuing plight of Baptist schools facing financial crises, has put Christian education in the forefront of Baptist thought and discussion. What do you see as the long-range projection for Baptist higher education?

ANSWER: Baptist higher education is in trouble. We may be attempting more in this area than we can do well. The subject of Baptist higher education must be kept open so we may be free to make whatever adjustments are necessary in our Baptist schools.

QUESTION: Recent surveys by the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board have indicated that a majority of church leaders don't believe Southern Baptists give enough attention to contemporary moral, social and economic problems. How do you react to these findings?

ANSWER: I believe there is an increasing awareness on the part of Southern Baptists concerning moral, social and economic problems. It is important for us to see the whole man, the whole city, the whole nation and the whole world.

QUESTION: Many have noted a decided shifting of Southern Baptist leadership from older leaders to much younger men in recent years. What do you think this might mean for future directions in SBC thought and action?

ANSWER: I believe Southern Baptists will choose a leadership based on other considerations than chronological age. Our next president may be an older man. It is important for the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention regardless of age, to be people of faith, courage and hope.

QUESTION: More laymen and laywomen are showing aggressive interest in SBC activities and programs. Would you suggest specific ways that this participation might be expanded even further?

ANSWER: The church is not the clergy; the church is the people of God. Southern Baptists, more and more, are including laymen on denominational committees, boards, convention and conference programs. The laymen need to be heard. On the local church level, the pastor would do well to confer often and extensively with his laymen in giving direction to the ministry of the church. Also, it is important for laymen not only to talk in conferences and committee meetings, but to act on the level of specific assignment and responsibility. We definitely need more laymen present and participating in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 30-June 2, 1967, would be a good time to begin.

QUESTION: Do you foresee any eventual fragmentation of our convention as SBC expansion spreads into "pioneer" areas of the Far West and Northeast?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Do you anticipate any especially controversial issues coming before the convention in Miami Beach in June? If so, which issues?

ANSWER: I do not expect any overriding controversial issues to come before our convention in Miami.

QUESTION: What would be your personal "nutshell sermon" to all Southern Baptists as they face the challenge to Christianity in our day?

ANSWER: Lead men one by one to commit themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ and encourage the people of God to implement their faith in terms of moral and civic righteousness, spiritual and social progress for all people.

Carey Plans May Day

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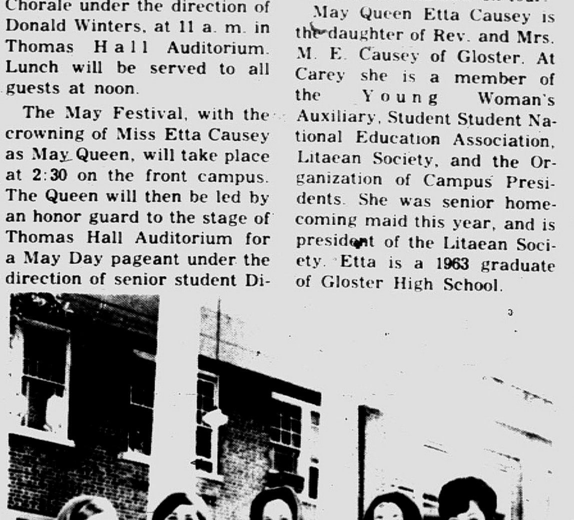
the patio of Thomas Hall. It is expected that some 300 to 500 prospective students will be in attendance.

Other activities of the day will include a baseball game between the Carey Crusaders and Millsaps at 10 a. m., and a performance by the Carey Chorale under the direction of Donald Winters, at 11 a. m. in Thomas Hall Auditorium. Lunch will be served to all guests at noon.

The May Festival, with the crowning of Miss Etta Causey as May Queen, will take place at 2:30 on the front campus. The Queen will then be led by an honor guard to the stage of Thomas Hall Auditorium for a May Day pageant under the direction of senior student Diane Crews and the Drama Department.

The theme this year will be a patriotic one, with a musical glimpse into the future of America. For the visitors who will be on campus in the evening, there will be a performance by the Serampore Players of "The Rock," the 1967 religious drama now on tour.

May Queen Etta Causey is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Causey of Gloster. At Carey she is a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, Student Student National Education Association, Litaean Society, and the Organization of Campus Presidents. She was senior homecoming maid this year, and is president of the Litaean Society. Etta is a 1963 graduate of Gloster High School.



STUDENTS at William Carey College have elected tne Queen and her Court for the 1967 May Day festivities. Designed as a prospective student day on campus, May Day will be held Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The crowning of the Queen will take place at 2:30 on the front campus. Miss Etta Causey, seated center, will reign as queen. She is a senior from Gloster, Mississippi. She is surrounded by her Court including, left to right, seated: Jane Wainwright, Miss Causey, and Lelan Yang; and back row: Pat Layne, Betty Gail Lindley, LaMerle Curry, Sarah Jolly, maid of honor and Martha Polk.

New Building Progresses

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at the progress the construction of the building is making, Dr. Quarles spoke of the great need for it. He said that some departments of the Convention Board are now housed in rented offices in downtown Jackson, and that offices in the present building are all greatly overcrowded. He said that the new building will house all departments of the work, and allow for growth and expansion in every one of them.

Dr. Quarles praised the work of the Building Committee which has labored diligently in its efforts to provide for the convention the most suitable building possible.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson is chairman of the committee, other members being Bob Ramsay of Brookhaven and Joe Triplett of Newton. Advisory members are Clyde Bryan, Jackson; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; and W. P. "Pat" McMullan, Sr., of Jackson. Dr. Quarles and Mr. Nelson serve in an ex officio capacity.

Southeastern Construction Company is the general contractor for the building, with Gregg Elliot, as general supervisor of the work. W. S. Torrence is field superintendent for the company, and actually directing the construction.

The F. L. Cooper heating and plumbing company is installing the heating, air-conditioning and plumbing.

Marvin Short is the electrical contractor.

Juanita Byrd

Mary Ann Myrick

Lynda Sanders

Mississippians Get Journeyman Posts

Three young people from Mississippi are among 67 persons invited by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to train this summer for journeyman service overseas.

They are Coleman Chon of Itta Bena, Mary Ann Myrick of [illegible], and Lynda Sanders of Meridian.

Mary Ann expects to teach Bible in Bulawayo, Rhodesia; Coleman hopes to work with students for English-language Calvary Baptist Church in Bangkok, Thailand, and Lynda wants to do art work for Baptist Press, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Southern Baptist journeymen are single college graduates under 27 years of age who spend two years overseas sharing their Christian faith while performing certain skills under the direction of career missionaries. The young people employed on April 12 during a three-day meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will, if they complete requirements, become the third generation of journeymen. The first group, sent out in 1965, will return home this summer.

The new journeymen also include Miss Juanita Byrd of Berea, Ky., who is a senior library science major in Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus. She has served as vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union and as a summer missionary in California under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. As a journeyman, she expects to be librarian and to teach English at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mary Ann, a biblical studies major at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, is listed in **Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges**. She served as a summer missionary in California under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board last year.

Mary Ann sees the Journeyman Program as a wonderful opportunity for Christian service. She plans to continue her education and seek career missionary appointment after she returns from Rhodesia.

Coleman, whose father immigrated to the United States from China when a teenager, also plans a missionary career. "I want to help other [illegible] people," he explains.

A history major and sociology minor at Mississippi State University, Starkville, he says he became interested in missions through BSU conventions and conferences.

Lynda studied at Meridian Junior College and Mississippi State College for Women, then entered the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, where she is a senior commercial design major. She is looking forward to her job in Nigeria as an opportunity to work "in a new and stimulating atmosphere where there is a need for Christians with specialized training."

Four young people who were born in Mississippi, but grew up in other states have also been invited for journeyman training. They are James B. Leavell Jr., history teacher in Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., assigned to Japan; Kay Jones, senior in Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., Nigeria; Brooks Metts, senior in the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy, Memphis, Nigeria; and Miss Anita Young, senior in Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., Argentina.

Son of a Baptist minister, Jim was born in Greenville and grew up in San Angelo, Tex. Kay was born in Ripley and lived there and in Birmingham and Decatur, Ala., while growing up. Brooks, born in Oxford, moved to Jackson, Tenn., during boyhood. Anita was born in Belmont and grew up in Battle Creek, Mich.

The prospective journeymen will begin eight weeks of training at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, on June 17. Their curriculum will include Christian doctrine, Bible, missions, evangelism, area studies and world affairs, language study, training for special skills, health and personal development, and physical education.

These trainees bring the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to nearly 2,300.

BAPTISM STORM BREWS IN NORTH CAROLINA

By Toby Druin
Associate Editor, Biblical Recorder

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—A storm of controversy is brewing over the baptismal waters of North Carolina's largest Baptist association here, but it may be some time before full force of the storm hits.

Mecklenburg Baptist Association here likely will consider a resolution in October that would restrict its membership to churches which require members to be baptized by immersion.

A constitutional amendment has already been drafted to that effect, and will be considered by Baptist pastors of the association in a special meeting in early May. If approved by the pastors, it will be presented to churches of the association for their ratification.

The constitutional amendment stipulates: "Its churches affiliated with this association shall be churches who use the New Testament as a statement of their faith and church policy and require that members be immersed in water on the basis of belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord to qualify for church membership."

The baptismal fracas was precipitated by a recent decision by St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte to accept members from other denominations which practice sprinkling or effusion (pouring) as their mode of baptism.

The St. John's decision was the result of an 18-month study by a church committee, according to the pastor, Claude Broach.

A "Statement of Position on Baptism" was adopted by the church which states: "We consider baptism to be an act of obedience following conversion which symbolizes the believer's identification with the Christian faith and whole Church as the Body of Christ. Such baptism is 'believer's baptism.'"

The statement also sets forth that "In keeping with earlier Baptist tradition we, upon majority recommendation of the pastor, associate pastor and officers of the deacons, will accept a candidate's baptism as valid without regard to mode, if it was an intentional act of obedience which followed conversion and symbolized his identification with the Christian faith and the Whole Church as the Body of Christ."

[illegible] has remained on the "believer's baptism" aspect of the statement. The church will continue to baptize new converts by immersion and will not accept members without immersion who were baptized as infants.

Another Charlotte congregation, Myers Park Baptist Church, accepts members who have been baptized by sprinkling either as infants or believers.

Mecklenburg Baptist Association, which has 75 churches and missions with more than 40,000 members, will meet in its annual session at Southside and Durham Memorial Baptist churches in Charlotte on October 19 and 20.

Last Rites Held - -

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was also a member and chairman of the Long Range Study Committee from 1950 to 1955.

He was the Mississippi member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention 1961-64. In 1962 he directed Blue Mountain College's 90th anniversary program.

Sur[illegible] daughters, Mrs. S. J. Johnson of Jackson, Mrs. L. D. McCormick of Hammond, Ind., and Mrs. P. J. Richard of Falmouth, Me.; two sons, W. L. Meadows, Jr., of Shreveport, La., and Joe R. Meadows of Gulfport, and one brother, Dewey Meadows of Mize.

MICKEY FERGUSON was licensed to preach on April 9 by the Pittsboro Church, Calhoun County. A youth revival was begun in the church on April 9 with Mickey doing the preaching. During that week there were 61 rededications, 4 professions of faith, and 1 by letter. Mickey is a senior at Bruce High School where he has received many honors. He plans to enter Mississippi College this fall. Rev. William S. Weddle is Pittsboro pastor.

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sense without the gathered community is largely an abstraction; the gathered community "detached" from the Body of Christ is largely a social club.

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[illegible] for the world [illegible] on the cross and to [illegible] communities of the con[illegible].

The highest state capital is **Denver, Colorado, "The Mile** High City," where the altitude on the steps of the capitol building is exactly 5,280 feet."

Broadmoor Plans Junior Missions Retreat

The general theme of Broadmoor, Jackson's Missions Retreat at Camp Garaywa April 28-29, will be "World Awareness." Boys and girls, age 9-12, will spend a busy twenty-four hours participating in the activities on schedule. Such items are included as conferences for each age group dealing with "World Awareness," "What Do Missionaries Do," "Missions Today," and "Missions And Me."

Rev. Harry Raley, missionary on furlough from Taiwan, will be the featured speaker. Cooper Walton, a member of Broadmoor who recently returned from a mission trip to Spain, will show slides and talk of the Baptist work there. Other features will include recreation, group singing, and a campfire service.

The church's pastor, Dr. David Grant, will bring a message on Saturday morning.

W. Mark Moore is Primary-Junior Director at Broadmoor.

BH TOPICS FOR MAY

THE BAPTIST HOUR ser[illegible] for May will be "[illegible] of Jesus."

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for May are:

May 7, "The Watchword of the Hour"—John 8:32.

May 14, "A Good Woman's Memorial"—Mark 14:9.

May 21, "One Word Makes the Difference"—John 10:15b.

May 28, "The Blessed Hope"—Luke 21:27.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

Current Issues In Baptist Life

By Wayne E. Ward
Professor of Theology
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

One of the hottest debates going on among Baptists at this time centers on the question of receiving into our membership people who have been immersed by someone other than Baptists. Those who refuse to take any baptism but Baptist baptism have been castigated as "landmarkers" or followers of J. R. Graves.

Not even Graves argued that the Baptist name was required, because he knew better than to add a requirement that goes beyond the words of the New Testament. This might open up the person to the awful charge of "adding to the words of this book" and bring down the plaques of the book upon his head (Rev. 22:18). However, his narrow restriction of the term "New Testament church" to Baptist churches (and not all of them) did result in a practical limitation of valid scriptural baptism to the Baptist churches as he defined them. Anyone who stands up today and says that valid scriptural baptism can be performed only in the Baptist name or authority is flying in the face of Holy Scripture—and I would hate to be in his place!

However, a practice on the other side is, if possible, even worse. Some churches have gone on record in public declaration that they will receive any baptism by immersion so long as it was performed upon a believer. What a travesty upon New Testament baptism! It is certainly important that a person be a believer and that the form be the New Testament form of immersion. But the reason these are important is because they focus upon the most important thing about baptism -- its meaning! To leave out the meaning of baptism as interpreted by the Christian community which performs it is to leave out baptism itself!

Baptism is not a private affair. It is a public act in the context of a Christian community of faith. It requires both the valid personal experience of the believer in Christ and the proper public interpretation of its meaning to the community, or it is not valid baptism. The whole teaching of the church about baptism is bound up with the way it is interpreted and practiced in the act of baptism.

Immersion of a believer is not enough. Followers of Alexander Campbell have been immersing believers for a century to help "save" them. When a person has received that baptism at their hands he has given an eloquent testimony to a distortion of the New Testament doctrine of salvation. This is why we should not receive people who say they had private opinions about baptism which contradicted the public interpretation of baptism in their church. We "muddy the waters" and confuse our witness both on salvation and the meaning of baptism.

Now what should we do? We should carefully investigate each case in order to recognize and accept genuine New Testament baptism when it has been performed—and also to perform a proper New Testament baptism when it has **not** been already performed. If we go around rebaptizing, just to put the Baptist label on it, we are mocking baptism and calling unholy what is sacred before God!

There are some groups which practice and preach baptism in exact accord with the New Testament teaching as Baptists understand it. If we want to keep a clear and scriptural witness on baptism we had better discover these people when they come and receive their scriptural baptism—without adding any private Baptist requirement to mock the word of God. And if they have been baptized all the way under until they bubble for the wrong reason—hurry up and baptize them with the right meaning! They have already waited long enough.

SBC President To Be Featured On NBC Special

Is the message of the Gospel relevant in our world today? Are the techniques used to communicate the Gospel effective? Is there a crisis in Christian communications? These are three of the questions NBC commentator Ben Grauer tosses at two leading Southern Baptist spokesmen—Dr. Franklin Paschal and Dr. Paul M. Stevens — on "The Southern Baptist Hour: Conversations," April 30 on NBC.

"The Crisis in Christian Communications" is the title of the fifth televised program in the "Conversations" series. The thirty-minute discussion compares the world and mission field of William Carey, the father of modern missions, to the world of today.

Dr. Paschal, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "The crisis is the same as it was in Carey's day—how to get the Word of God to those who have never heard about it. We are not reaching enough people to get ahead of the population growth."

"There's been a great change in philosophy and methods of missions since Carey's time," Dr. Paschal said. "Today our strategy is to develop nations so that they can take over themselves."

"The content of the Gospel is the same as it was 2,000 years ago. It will meet the needs of people in our time just as it could meet the needs then. But for some reason, we have not been able to communicate the message so that people accept it," Dr. Paschal added.

Dr. Stevens, Executive Director of the Radio and Television Commission, said, "The message is not out of date, but the means by which we present the message may be because of technological advances and changing world conditions.

"We have a problem of communicating to people who are not interested in church in a dislocated world. We need to employ every honorable means—radio, television, newspapers — to bring about an impact on this dislocated world," Dr. Paschal added.

"Man has more things than he has ever had before, but we must remind man that the gadgets that science provides do not give the full satisfaction that he craves . . . the Gospel overshadows everything else and gives meaning and direction to life. It is an integrating, organizing principle for life," Dr. Paschal said.

"The Gospel gives dignity to the individual. In our computerized age something is being lost, and here we think, the Gospel has something to offer to everybody," Dr. Paschal concluded.

Speaking about the problem of reaching an individual in a world of millions of people, Dr. Stevens said, "By radio and television we can speak to the multitudes one at a time."

The discussion program is part of the regular "Southern Baptist Hour" presentation produced by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Religious Programming Department of NBC. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, former Chief of Chaplains Robert Taylor, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, and Dr. Porter Routh have been featured on previous "Conversation" presentations.

Consult your local listings for the telecast time for "Southern Baptist Hour" in your area.

Methodists estimate that Sunday School attendance is off by 90,000 pupils from a peak 1960 enrollment of 3.7 million, according to a **Newsweek** report (February 6, 1967).

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W. L. Meadows

Mississippi Baptists lost one of their outstanding leaders of recent years in the death last week of W. L. Meadows.

Bro. Meadows spent many years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Quitman, where he was honored and loved by the community, and all of the surrounding area.

During these years, he was very active in denominational affairs, holding important offices, and serving on some of the convention's most important committees. He was president of the convention board, member of the executive committeee, chairman of the constitutional revision committee, chairman of the convention long range committee, and served in numerous other capacities. He also served on important Southern Baptist boards and committees. Often in the meetings of the Mississippi convention his voice was heard on important issues, and his calming spirit was felt in divisive hours.

Bro. Meadows served Mississippi Baptists faithfully and well, and his work long will be remembered. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family in his homegoing.

Great Issues Before Today's People

An Editorial Report

Today's churches, denominations and Christians face some of the most difficult issues in the history of Christendom. This was clearly revealed at the recent sessions of the Associated Church Press in New York City. Here editors of nearly 200 religious journals of the United States and Canada, spent three days discussing and considering the issues facing today's Christians. The general theme of the meeting was "The Religious Journal In A Time of Controversy."

The editors heard outstanding religious leaders representing both the liberal and conservative theological positions. There was sharp debate on some of the issues presented. There was a briefing session with a top member of the U. S. Mission to United Nations. The editors attended a service at a Baptist church which has changed its whole program, in its effort to communicate with and reach the new generation of young people. They saw a newly released film which vividly depicted the horror of nuclear war. They were introduced to modern art as it relates to religion. Many of them were invited to look in upon a new night-club for teen agers on Times Square, in order better to understand what the entertainment world is doing to reach youth. In addition to these major experiences at the meeting, there were dinners, group conferences and business sessions. This editor came away from the meeting with a new concept and better understanding of the complex problems facing Southern Baptists and other Christian groups in today's world.

Controversial issues faced by Christians and churches include the type of message to be proclaimed, the future of the church as an institution, ecumenism, racial justice, war and peace, communication with the "now" generation, and others. There is sharp division on almost all of these issues, and Southern Baptists are not the only groups facing critical decisions.

The clash between liberal and conservative theological positions, is one of the basic conflicts of the hour. Some reject the authority of the Bible, and the New Testament message of personal redemption in Jesus Christ, and substitute for the gospel a different message which might be classed as a gospel of social concern. There is difference of opinion as to the future of the church, with some groups saying that the church as an institution is dying and will be replaced by a Christianity more appealing to the masses. These are saying that the churches should get out of the sanctuaries and into the streets. Opposing them are those who admit that there must be social concern as an integral part of Christianity, but feel that the basis for it still must be in a personal redemption experience through faith in Jesus Christ. The division here is sharp and there is little evidence that the opposing forces ever will get together.

The strongest movement in Christianity today is ecumenism. This goes beyond the idea of getting related groups such as Protestants together, but many of the exponents also envision closer relationships of Protestants and Catholics in some type of unity program. The major objection many have to this movement is that the unity is not based upon doctrinal beliefs, but upon other things. There is no unity of acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God, or of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Since it is not based upon divine revelation, it most certainly will not bring about the spiritual revolution which its proponents predict. Conservative Christians find little in it that is appealing or scriptural.

Racial justice is still a vital issue before religious groups, although it was discussed very little in this particular meeting, since at least the approval of its objectives has been accomplished in most denominations.

War and peace were very prominent in the discussions. Some speakers expressed disapproval of the U.S. government for its Viet Nam policies, while others just as strongly supported the government. Again the liberal and conservative theological positions, seemed largely to determine the attitude. It was clear that all Christian leaders want the war ended as soon as possible, but the conservatives want it without surrender to Communism. At the briefing with the U. S. Mission to the U. N. the position of the United States in Viet Nam was explained and defended. It was made clear that surrender by unilateral action is not going to make for world peace.

One of the most startling experiences of the meeting was the visit to Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Greenwich Village. This is an American Baptist Convention church but its program was far different from anything that we have seen. The building has been stripped of its pulpit, pulpit furniture, pews and choir chairs, and has been made into a type of theatre. However, it did not have the attractiveness of the commercial theatre. The program of the church in its effort to minister to the people of the Greenwich Village area was explained and discussed by the associate pastor. A quartet of four young people, two men and two women, sang and played folk music, as an example of the music used in the church program. They presented calls to worship, worship songs, and others which were far different from usual church music. A man gave an interpretative "religious" dance, and was followed by a group of young men and women presenting a dance used in "worship". It was a strange, disturbing, depressing experience, for there was no evidence of anything in the service which would in any way point a person toward Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Moreover, inquiry failed to reveal that as in any way the purpose. This impressed an outsider as a case where the world has turned the church upside down, rather than the church turning the world upside down. This church may be reaching some of this new generation, but one cannot but wonder "reaching them for what."

A conference perid was spent in discussing the problems of reaching a modern young generation which, we were told, "does not want to even listen to what anyone over 30 has to say". There was no satisfactory answer given as to how to reach these modern ern youth. This editor, however, was encouraged by remembering that thousands of wonderful young people are being reached by the churches which are preaching Christ and challenging youth, and adults as well, to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, through personal faith for salvation, and spiritual dedication for Christian living. I am convinced that the reason many modern churches are empty and are not reaching people; is because they have abandoned a positive faith, and a clear message of salvation. Even this generation will follow Christ, when they know that He is the Son of God, and worthy of their faith, worship and service.

I came away from this meeting, not only with a better concept of what is happening in the world, as it relates to Christianity, but also with a new conviction that the ideas and programs of religious liberalism will not meet the needs of that world. The one answer to the problems and hungers of today's world is a fresh presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray that Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists will never substitute anything else for that as their basic message. We can be strengthened, too, by the fact that there are other groups which have the same conviction. We are not alone in this effort to give a positive, clear, Bible-centered message of redemption in Jesus Christ.

The Editor's Notebook

THIS IS OUR DAY

An affluent society—morally bankrupt.
A nation of power—speaking in whispers.
Freedom for all—racial turmoil.
Exploring outer space—disregarding inner space.
Scientific superiority — servants of sin.
Arbiters of peace—international chaos.
Religiously vocal—spiritually empty.
Bristling with missiles—haunted by fear.
Deifying the intellect—void of wisdom.
Land of abundance — hungry in heart.
—Wesleyan Methodist

I always read "In the Study" in Moody Monthly. Written by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, who ranks as the outstanding Bible scholar and librarian of our day, it never fails to interest me. This time, in the February issue, for example, he gives us some quotations from William Kelly's Lectures on the Minor Prophets (published in 1874), observations that could not have been more truly written. "Let me say here that according to Scripture there cannot be the slightest doubt that Russia is reserved to play a most important part in this great future crisis. For the policy of that vast modern empire affects the same objects as the Assyrian of the last day. Russia from its position in the northeast is known to seek the lead as suzerain over the eastern powers, acquiring influence politically, so as to be able to mould and guide those vast hordes of central Asia down to the South. It is my conviction that western influence will ere long be completely annihilated in the east, and that the dominion of our own country in India is destined to be shortlived . . . India I presume will be part of the northeastern system spoken of here and elsewhere. The British will lose possession of India, as nationalities wake up to yearn after their own distinct position. And such is even now the tendency, which prophecy distinctly recognizes as characterizing the end of this age. The Russian empire, as being itself northeastern, is destined to be the suzerain power there. They may not be aware of the role divine prophecy attributes to them, of their immense success, and of their total destruction under the hand of Jehovah. But Scripture is clear. (Compare Ezek. 38 and 39.) Divine judgment will not slumber."—Wesleyan Methodist.

EDUCATION
What's Happening
Education Commission, SBC

. . . The Saturday Review recently displayed a striking contrast entitled "Education as Public Investment":

Current expenditures on elementary and secondary schools per pupil in average daily attendance (1966-67). . . $564. (Source: National Education Association).

Average cost of maintaining one person in prison one year (1966). . .$2,690 (Source: U. S. Bureau of Prisons).

Average cost of maintaining a mother and three children on relief one year (1966). . . $1,800. (Source: U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare).

. . . "Education is a dangerous business today," said Indiana University trustee Robert Menke at the recent twenty-second National Conference on Higher Education. "While it challenges conformity and injustice, it often appears to challenge sacred traditions and the accepted values of the community.

"Education is a vulnerable business because it gives the appearance of affluence in a society that is not so affluent in terms of its needs and expectations.

"Education is a critical business today because the tide of change cannot be stopped, and democratic means must be found to implement solutions to the pressing problems of our society.

"Trustees are at the interface between the public and our colleges; they speak to both communities. A person should have demonstrated a lifelong interest in education to be a good college overseer."

. . . "We must believe that it is important to make education effective for every student. We must be convinced that no student, whatever his talent, should be allowed to lose his place on the ladder. And we must accept the fact that all of us are ultimately responsible for the development of our human resources, that waste and rejection are intolerable, and that no society can long survive without the maximum use of the talent of all its members."—James A. Perkins, President of Cornell University.

HE GIVES PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THE 'NOBODIES'

"JESUS TOOK HIM BY THE HAND, AND LIFTED HIM UP; AND HE AROSE." — MARK 9:27
OBSCURITY

New Books

LIVING WITH THE PSALMS by John H. Scammon (Judson, 157 pp., $3.95)

This is an unusual book, for study and-or daily devotions on the Psalms. The book is arranged in ten chapters, with each chapter giving a seven-day suggested study of one Psalm. There are depth studies of Psalms 23, 51, 24, 73, 139, 44, 34, 97, 110, and 8. The text is written in fresh and highly readable language.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE by Melvin E. Elliot (Doubleday, 227 pp., $4.95, indexed $5.95).

A glossary explaining the words and expressions of the King James Version of the Bible. Transalates and explains unfamiliar or obselete expressions. If the word used in the KJV has more than one meaning that is clearly revealed.

FORGIVE THEM by J. E. Church (Moody, 126 pp., $2.95).

The moving story of an African pastor's ministry and martyrdom. This pastor was Yona Kanamuzeyi, a pastor in the nation of Rwanda. This book is a story of his life and ministry and martyrdom, on January 23, 1964. It is a moving story of the power of the Gospel in the midst of the crises of new African nations.

A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE BIBLE TEACHING by Hugh M. Salisbury and Larry D. Peabody (Baker, 108 pp., paper, $1.50).

A methods book on various plans to be used in effective Bible teaching.

IF I HAD ONLY ONE SERMON TO PREACH Edited by Ralph G. Turnbull, (Baker, 151 pp., $2.95).

A collection of fifteen sermons by outstanding ministers of various denominations in the United States and other lands. These are samples of the type of preaching being done in the world today.

LIVING PSALMS AND PROVERBS WITH THE MAJOR PROPHETS paraphrased by Kenneth N. Taylor (Tyndale House, $4.95).

Another volume in this series of "Living" books which have been widely publicized by Billy Graham. These translations are somewhat different because they use a language that modern people can fully understand while retaining the truth of the original language. Even young people will delight in reading these Old Testament books in this language of today.

The Baptist Forum

THE TAIL WAGS THE DOG

Editor:

No disrespect is intended for the name of Blue Mountain College, the institution of my home town, and one that I dearly love—a college that trained seven of my sisters almost from its founding. Will the Baptists of Mississippi approve the action of their tender hearted liberal trustees in trading the illustrious heritage of this great institution for a mess of federal pottage? If the purpose of integration is not amalgamation, what is it?

W. E. David
Liberty, Miss.

Concerning Federal Aid And Trustees

Dear Editor:

During the 1966 Mississippi Baptist Convention, for a whole day, federal aid was discussed both pro and con. The vote was 604 to 380 against accepting any federal aid.

None of the trustees of William Carey or Blue Mountain spoke up at the convention, so everyone thought the matters was settled. Then about a month later, William Carey applied again for the Federal Student Loans, and now Blue Mountain is asking for the same thing.

I realize that the wording of the statement adopted by the convention was such that the trustees could accept the student loans, but I also know that they were aware of how the majority of our people felt and I think they should have taken this into consideration.

Perhaps next year when the convention meets and we elect trustees, we should make it a point to find out how each candidate feels on this issue of federal aid. It will take longer to elect trustees in this manner, but at least we will stand a chance of getting some men on the boards who will not be afraid to say "no" to the politicians.

I wish to commend Rev. Bob Leavell of Grenada for his recent letter in the BAPTIST RECORD. It is good to know that at least one of the trustees for Blue Mountain was against the action taken. (There may have been others, but I have not seen any statement from anyone else.)

A recent article in the RECORD stated that thirty-three out of thirty-seven Baptist colleges have signed the compliance pledge and are receiving federal funds. Every one of these colleges is violating the first amendment of our United States Constitution and the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

According to the March 1967 issue of CHURCH AND STATE in an article, "No Need For More Taxes, Just Cut Off Churches," it is estimated that at least $5.5 billion flows to church-related institutions and groups in the various categories. A direct quote from the article reads: "The church aid is likely unconstitutional in any case. If it were eliminated, then the government would be obeying its own laws—always commendable procedure — and saving the hide of the tax payer at the same time."

I do not know about William Carey, but Blue Mountain has sufficient funds for any loans they might need to make. If they should need further funds, why didn't they choose the same method that Mississippi College and Clarke College used?

You hear it said over and over—"It is o.k. to accept federal funds for students and not at all the same as getting money for buildings, etc." However, I maintain that it is the same, since the compliance pledge must be signed in both cases.

It seems that the trustees really want to comply with all the Health, Education, and Welfare rules as to race, color, or natural origin!

Before you get the wrong impression, I want to state here and now that I hold no malice toward the Negro race. I simply do not wsih to see our future generations completely mixed and mongrelized. And this will definitely be the outcome of race mixing in our schools.

As to why God made the different races, I do not know nor claim to understand. I do believe He had some purpose in it just as He has purpose in everything He does.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my feelings since I feel that there are still quite a number of our Mississippi Baptists who share this feeling.

Yours in Christ,
E. J. Grisham
Jackson, Miss.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

May 1—Maurice E. Flowers, Jr., superintendent of missions, Bolivar County; Charles Ellis, faculty, Mississippi College.

May 2—Hattie Johnson, Baptist Book Store; E. T. Jenkins, assistant superintendent, Children's Village.

May 3—Gladys Bryant, Baptist student director, East Central Junior College; Mrs. J. Clifford Watson, faculty, Clarke College.

May 4 — Johnnie Armstrong, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Janice Bottoms, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

May 5—Mrs. W. D. McWilliams, Baptist Building; Mrs. C. A. Schotte, Baptist Building.

May 6—George Mills, faculty, William Carey College; Harry Mills, faculty, William Carey College.

May 7 — Mrs. Evelyn Gordon, housemother, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Mrs. Johnny Weber, director of nursing, Baptist Hospital.

Missionary at Home For Medical Aid For Young Son

Mrs. Sammy (Sue) Simpson, Southern Baptist missionary to Chone, Ecuador, is at home on temporary medical leave, with her son Brad, aged 4, in order that he may receive treatment at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

While in Mississippi, Mrs. Simpson is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelly, R. 4, Box 201, Tupelo, and she may be reached there. The telephone number is 842-6472.

Mrs. Simpson returned to Mississippi in mid-April, and does not know at this time when she will return. Mr. Simpson did not make the trip with his wife and son.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

The Book of Common Prayer (1662)

New Sacred Records

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Dick Anthony is an arranger, composer, conductor, pianist, organist, minister of music, publisher of music, but also he is a soloist. He sings with calmness, but also with spiritual strength. Here are twelve numbers including To God Be the Glory, No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus, To Tell the World, and others.

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Recollections Of The Baptist Record Under Editor P. I. Lipsey, Part X

By John J. Lipsey

For the first few years following my father's (Dr. P. I. Lipsey's) takeover of The Baptist Record early in 1912, Father and I left Clinton (our home) by train at about 8:15 a. m. and arrived at our office in Jackson about 9 a. m., and got back to Clinton about 7:30 p. m. This meant early breakfast and late supper, and a long tiring day. Then we arranged with a "young preacher" called "Bishop" Hamilton to take us in his taxi. Later Rev. Bryan Simmons, who was also living in Clinton and working in Jackson, bought a Ford touring car and ferried us back and forth for a small fee. Later we bought a Chevrolet touring car for this use. This gave us shorter hours away from home.

When my work got so heavy that I had often to work as late as 10 p. m., I bought a folding cot and mattress, borrowed covers from Mother, and slept in the back of the store. I ate a light breakfast and supper at the Royal Cafe, which was somewhere near where the Heidelberg Hotel is (and near our store, too). Father and I usually ate lunch in the back of the store, a lunch which Mother fixed and Father or I brought to Jackson.

Mother and Father thought I was not getting enough to eat. So when the owner of the Royal Cafe offered to give me a daily hot lunch in exchange for typing his menus, I accepted.

Along about Jan. 1917, Father and Mother arranged for me to board and room with Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey at 512 East High Street. (Winter nights without continuous heat were pretty cold in the store's rear.) This was for me a delightful arrangement. Dr. and Mrs. Bailey were exceedingly jolly hosts and magnificent providers: food was plentiful and superb; every night when I came back to my room, a fire would be glowing in my grate and a comfortable bed awaited me. I continued to eat noon lunch at the Royal Cafe, on the **quid pro quo** basis. I don't think the Baileys ever made a cent on the housing and feeding deal.

In those days the walk from High Street to 160 East Capitol Street was for me not long and it was exceeding pleasant and no doubt healthful. My route lay from the Bailey's house (which faced the New Capitol) through the ground floor of the Capitol and to the northeast corner of Smith Park (behind the Governor's mansion) diagonally across the park to West Street, to Capitol Street, and west on that street to my destination.

From the time the U.S. entered the war on April 7, I had been very anxious to get into the Army. But Father needed me and the authorities were urging eligible men to await their call through the draft. A number of my friends had gotten commissions, my brother Plautus I. Lipsey, Jr., had attended the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Logan H. Roots in Arkansas and had gotten a commission as first lieutenant. I was so desirous of having a part in the war before it was over that I was not very efficient at the office. Then it was announced (as I recall) that after a certain in date in December 1917 no more volunteers would be accepted. After that, one would have to take his chances with conscription. That settled it for me. Early in December I enlisted, just making the minimum weight of 110 pounds. On the railway car which contained me and 30 or 40 others of my sort (who did not want to wait for drafting) who were on our way to Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, one of our number had chalked in big letters: "DRAFT DODGERS." In those days this was considered a prime jest.

On the night before I left, I said goodbye to Mother and Father in Clinton, spent the night in Jackson, and early in the morning said goodbye to my host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey. Then I lugged my valise to the I.C. station. Next morning I was in Jackson Barracks, filled to the top of my gullet with bananas and water in order to maintain minimum weight. I made it.

When I got out of the Army, still a private, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Secretary of the Convention Board when the board bought the Record and store, employed me for a few weeks. My job was to wind up the affairs of the Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company, to locate the minority stockholders and to see that they turned in their stock certificates and got par value for them. When I had done that, my connection with The Baptist Record ceased.

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Response To 'The Vine' Termed 'Overwhelming'

FORT WORTH (BP)—Audience response to the television broadcast of an hour-long special on the life of Christ has been called "overwhelming" by the head of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

More than 7,000 letters and responses have been received by the commission following broadcast of the program, "The Vine," by the National Broadcasting Co.

"Of the 7,000 letters received to this date, less than 10 have been unfavorable—and then, the criticism was extremely mild," said Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, which produced "The Vine" jointly with NBC-TV.

An estimated nation - wide audience of more than 25 million people viewed the pre-Easter, hour-long color documentary on the network television broadcast, Sunday afternoon, March 12.

Typical of the 7,000 responses received, said Stevens, were letters which said in part:

". . .There would be fewer people saying 'God is Dead' if God were given equal time on television, and if when presented, it was done on a quality level, professionally presented as today."

". . . I was so pleased to see what is being done by Southern Baptists to spread the Gospel and to reach many who would not be reached otherwise."

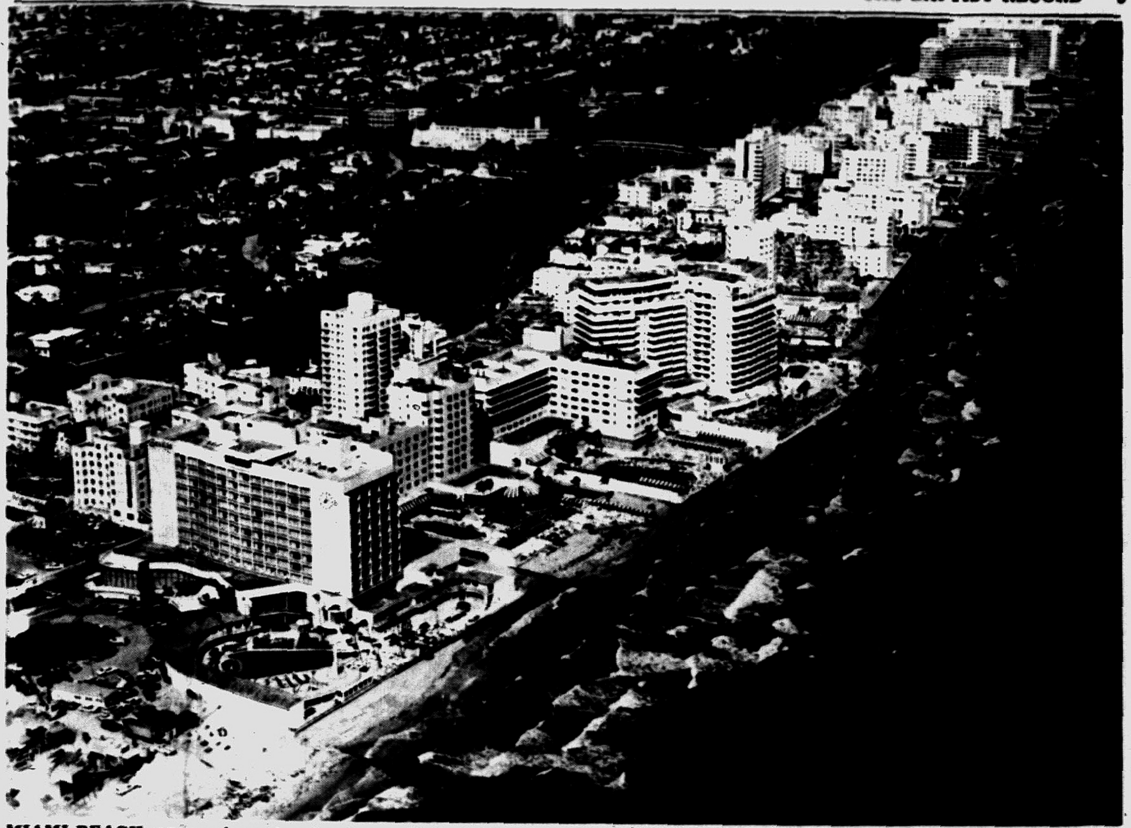
". . . Your presentation was outstanding and so practical in that it brought out how the 'then' is still 'now' and modern day applications of Christianity."

". . . Your production showed a genuine breakthrough in the presentation of Christ to a Twentieth Century America."

". . . We need more programs like this for our people to watch on television."

Stevens said the responses came from almost every state in the nation, with especially large response from the East and from California. Members of more than 20 different religious denominations have praised the production.

As a result of the response, the network is planning to reschedule "The Vine" sometime in 1968, Stevens said.



MIAMI BEACH, as seen from the air, shows off its 379 hotels, many of them facing the blue-green waters of the Atlantic, or Biscayne Bay (background) which divides Miami Beach from the city of Miami. (BP Photo)

PASTOR FROM SPAIN VISITS MISSISSIPPI

By
Anne Washburn McWilliams

"What is my impression of the United States on my first visit here? Most agreeable! I am most impressed by the openness, the hospitality." This heart - warming statement was made by Senor Juan Torras, pastor of one of the two Southern Baptist churches on Spain's Canary Islands. He is in Mississippi as a guest of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. Quarles, who last year journeyed to the Canary Islands as chaplain for a layman's mission to Spain, preached in Torras' church at Las Palmas. While there, he invited the pastor to visit the States.

Torras, who arrived in New York by plane, via Madrid, on April 3, expects to stay until the end of the month.

In New York, he met Dr. Paul James, who is in charge of Southern Baptist work in that area. In Washington, D. C. he preached in a Spanish-speaking church. At Richmond, where he joined Dr. Quarles for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, he attended the appointment service for 26 new missionaries. He said, "This was the most moving experience of my whole life."

At Nashville he visited the Sunday School Board. He preached at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday night, April 16. Friday morning, April 21, he spoke at chapel service in the Baptist Building. He visited Mississippi College, the Children's Village, and the Baptist Hospital.

"As I was guest of all these Baptist institutions, the people made me feel so welcome! They gave their time to me willingly and graciously. Do I like Mississippi? Oh, yes! Very much! As I traveled south, I noticed that the trees and grass became greener and greener. The climate grew warmer and warmer—and so did the spiritual atmosphere!

"I would like to say how grateful Baptists in Spain are for your cooperation. I got my education with this cooperation, and I am here to say personally that I am thankful."

Mr. Torras received his theological degree from the European Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland.

He is pastor of the fifty-member Baptist church, on the island of Gran Canaria, in the city of Las Palmas—the first Baptist church, and the only Baptist church, on the island.

There is also a Southern Baptist church on the island of Tenerife, with about 150 members. Southern Baptists have had work in the Canary Islands for only ten or eleven years. They do not as yet have a missionary living there, but Torras says the island Baptists are hoping one will be appointed before long, from the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. The seven islands have a population of a few more than a million.

At first, the Las Palmas congregation met in the Torras' home. They still meet in the same place, but the pastor and his family have moved to another house. A new church building is under construction now. One-fourth of its cost will be met by the Lottie Moon Offering of the Foreign Mission Board.

Most unusual is the fact that this chhurch has many more men than women. At least three - fourths of the members are men and boys, between the ages of 12 and 45. As in all of Spain, the island is dominantly Catholic. And it seems to be harder for the women to break away from the deeply rooted Catholic ties. It is harder for them to be independent, than it is for the men.

Pastor Torras speaks very good English. In fact, he teaches two English classes, one for the primary children in the daytime and another for adults at night, including officers from the city administration, lawyers, businessmen, students. Because of the Spanish custom of the afternoon siesta, the business establishments close late, and the class meets after working hours, from 9:30 to 10:30.

Torras has a chance to witness through these English classes, using the New Testament in Spanish-English as one of the textbooks. Dr. Quarles attended one of the English classes when he was in the Canary Islands. He said he learned some English rules he didn't know!

Born and raised in Barcelona, Juan Torras was converted at the age of 12. All his family were Catholics. On his own, he started attending the Baptist church, and accepted Christ, and was baptized. Later his mother, too, became a Baptist, but others of his family have not. (He was the first in his family to

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SENOR JUAN TORRAS of Las Palmas, Spain, left, was featured speaker at chapel service in the Baptist Building last Friday. He is the April guest of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, right, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

BSU DIRECTOR TO SPEND SUMMER WORKING AT ISRAELI MISSION CAMP

IT'S RIGHT THERE — With his passport Baptist Student Director Louie Farmer shows Betty White the location of a Baptist mission camp in Israel where he will spend the summer. Mr. Farmer is the first BSU director selected as a summer foreign missionary. Miss White, Jackson junior at University of Southern Mississippi, is BSU missions chairman.

By Linda Carpenter
Staff Writer
"The Student Prints"
Univ. of So. Mississippi

"Have passport, will travel," Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr. answered when asked to serve as Southern Baptist summer missionary to Israel June 14 - Aug. 20.

Director of the Baptist Student Union at University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, he has been chosen as the first BSU director to serve as a summer missionary in the student summer mission program.

Mr. Farmer, or "Brother Louie" as he is known by members of the "BSU family," will be working at a Baptist summer camp at Petah Tiqva, just outside the Israelean city, Tel Aviv. Working with him will be 12 student summer missionaries from eight of the southern states.

According to Louis R. Cobbs, associate secretary of missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Farmer will coordinate the entire program of the summer work camp.

"As yet, we don't know exactly what to expect, but the summer camp will feature seminars," Farmer said. There will be three ten-day camps for Israeli young people, both Arab and Jew.

Travel Experiences

A world traveler, the active youth leader visited Israel when helping lead a group to the Baptist World Youth Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963. Of his first visit to the country he said, "When we were on the Jordanian side everything was barren and dry. We crossed a line and everything was green, modern and progressive."

Brother Louie, began his travels when he went to the Baptist World Youth Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, 1949. In 1958 he took a group of students to Toronto for another World Youth Conference.

In 1955 he took a group of students to the Baptist World Alliance in London, England.

Travel Benefits

Brother Louie emphasizes that his travels have not been just as a tourist seeing the sights a country has to offer, although that is a part of his traveling. "Nothing in my religious training or experience has meant as much to me as my first trip to the Baptist World Youth Conference did." He continued that he is still meeting people that he either became acquainted with through his travels or who know him through someone he has met.

Mr. Farmer is presently planning a tour to the 1968 Baptist World Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland. "We hope we can extend the tour to include a week of orientation at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., before we leave, then after the conference, make a tour of Western Europe," he said.

"We are planning this trip to give students an opportunity such as we have had—an opportunity to become acquainted with a country's culture, its religious background, and its Baptist people."

State Recognition

Brother Louie's enthusiasm for student work is recognized in the Baptist Student Dept. Rev. Ralph B. Winders, secretary of the Department of Student Work for Mississippi, said, "My personal opinion is that Louie Farmer would be an excellent man with a group in a work camp. He has led a number of tours to meetings outside the country, and his interest in doing so has been from the standpoint of missionary experiences and education."

Farmer, who received his master's degree in theology and a master's in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, came to Southern in 1954 from Clarke Memorial College in Newton, where he had been BSU director for 7½ years. Since then Southern's BSU program has grown from one meeting and a council meeting per week to one of the best programs in the state.

Activities Increase

The program now includes a weekly officers meeting; Bible study twice weekly; the Baptist Student Fellowship; GYTAN, a coeducational mission study group; the BSU choir; and morning watch every school day.—(Reprinted from "The Student Prints")

"As Soon As I Get Behind The Wheel I Sober Up"

(Following is the Mobil Oil Corporation's recent ad in daily papers)

In a survey of fatal accidents in California, 65% of the drivers who were killed had been drinking.

In another survey of fatal accidents in Chicago, 76% of those responsible had been drinking.

And in still another survey (they're endless) in New York, 38% of the drivers who were killed had been drinking.

Not necessarily drunk, mind you. But not sober, either.

You don't have to feel drunk to be too drunk to drive. A single drink can dim your vision, slow your reflexes and warp your judgment. But since this alcoholic undermining doesn't announce itself with drums and bugles, you usually don't notice it. And that's what kills you: The quiet, treacherous effects of a drink or two.

A little more than a single, 2-ounce shot of whiskey in your blood can make you twice as liable to cause an accident than if you hadn't touched a drop.

Two such shots of whiskey in your veins can make you 6 times more liable to cause an accident. (Mind you, at this level you are not considered drunk in most states.)

And three shots can make you 25 times more liable to cause an accident than if you were cold sober. (Now, you're finally considered drunk in most states.

Contrary to popular belief, God doesn't necessarily protect fools and drunkards. And you're a fool if you think you sober up when you get behind the wheel of your car. You may sweeten your breath to fool your wife and the state troopers. And you may sit up straight behind the wheel to fool yourself. But the coroner will know you've been drinking anyway.

We at Mobil are in the gasoline and oil business, and we welcome all the business we can get. Except the busines sof drivers who have no business on the road in the first place.

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Baptist Record

NOW MEETING IN CAR SHED

Faith Church Breaks Ground

Members of Faith Church are meeting in a car shed owned by the J. D. Goodwins, since they have been denied the use of the building which they had used for many years.

They recently broke ground for a new sanctuary, on land given by Glover Watkins, deacon.

The church, located six miles east of Lena, and formerly known as Union Ridge, had been using a building part time that is owned by the Methodist Conference.

When the decision was made by the Methodists that their building no longer was to be used by another denominational group, then the Union Ridge members began immediate plans for building of a new church. They voted to change the name to Faith Church. Rev. Bill Servati is pastor.

Prayer for the group has been requested, and any offer of help, either financial, or other, such as the offer of pews or hymn books or other church equipment, would be appreciated, and should be addressed to Faith Baptist Church, c-o Mrs. Bazle Watkins, Church Clerk, Route 1, Lena, Miss.

DEACONS AND PASTOR break ground for the new building of the Faith Church. Left to right: Glover Watkins, Julius Turner, Rev. Bill Servati, pastor, and Edward Green. Mr. Watkins gave the land on which they are standing as a site for the new church.

PICTURED above are members of the Faith Church near Lena (formerly the Union Ridge Church) gathered in their present meeting place, the car shed owned by the J. D. Goodwins.

NURSERY FACILITIES TO BE AVAILABLE DURING THE SBC

MIAMI, Fla. (BP)—Nursery facilities will be available during the Southern Baptist Convention at the Allapattah Baptist Church and four other Miami churches for the week of May 29-June 2, the nursery committee of the convention has announced.

Six policy statements were adopted by the nursery committee, headed by Donald G. Manuel, pastor of the Allapattah Baptist Church.

The Allapattah church, located at 1733 N.W. 33rd St. in Miami, will be used for the convention's central nursery facilities, with overflow facilities at the First Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, Northwest Baptist Church, and Riverside Baptist Church, all in Miami.

Sessions of the convention will be held across Biscayne Bay in the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

Manuel said the local nursery committee was "concerned to provide the finest facilities and care for nursery age children in order that parents may participate in, and enjoy the convention sessions."

The six policies announced by the nursery committee stated:

1. "Mothers are discouraged from bringing babes in arms to the convention.

2. "Nursery facilities will be limited to children ages birth through three years old, and will be provided for residents outside of Dade County only. These provisions will be strictly enforced.

3. "The nursery will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and from 6:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly.

4. "The cost will be 75c per hour per child, and 50c per child for lunch as desired. No evening meals will be provided. A penalty of 50c per 15 minutes per child will be imposed after nursery closing time at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

5. "No special care and feeding will be provided. No child with fever or cold will be accepted. Nurse and doctor will be on call in event of emergency.

6. "Directions to nursery facilities will be provided at the convention registration desk upon request."

The policies set by the nursery committee are similar to previous nursery policies at other meetings of the convention.

Central America Lays Plans For Americas Crusade

In Guatemala, the quetzal, an exotic bird of bright red and green plumage, is the symbol of freedom, for it will not live in captivity. The **mecapal**, a rawhide headband by which Indians bear tremendously heavy loads, symbolizes servitude.

In the land of these symbols, Baptist leaders of Central America and Mexico met March 2-4 to plan a great united effort to lead men from spiritual servitude into the freedom of Christ. Meeting at the Baptist theological institute in Guatemala City, they chartered their part in the Crusade of the Americas, international Baptist evangelistic thrust to be held in 1969.

Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, missionary to Mexico and regional coordinator for the Crusade, planned and directed the program.

Rev. H. Earl Peacock, missionary to Brazil who is general coordinator for the Crusade, took part in the planning sessions.

Music

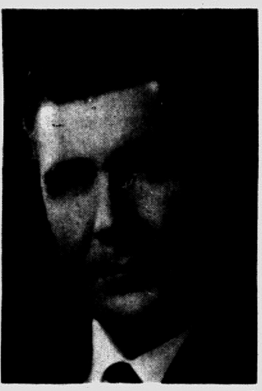
Gulfshore Junior Music Week

July 3-8, 1967

Guest Clinician

Bob Burroughs
Minister of Music
First Church
Abilene, Texas

Assembly Pastor



Shelby Newman
Pastor
First Church
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Guest Clinician

Mrs. Bob Burroughs
Abilene, Texas

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Graham Smith
Minister of Music
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FEATURES: Worship Services, Rehearsals, Swimming, Boating, Ball Games, Concerts, Fellowships.

Classes in song leading, hymn playing, music reading, hymnology, voice. Also classes and conferences for Junior Leadership.

A sponsor is required for every 10 Junior attending music week. The same requirement is placed on the other music weeks for the youth.

Write Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi, for information on rates and accommodations.

HURRY! HURRY!

Send your order today for the fourteen Christ-honoring, Soul-winning, and Church-building messages by Dr. Byram H. Glaze, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga. Read these messages while on your vacation and use them in Summer revivals and year-round visitation.

Dr. Glaze has been the pastor of this growing church for over nineteen years. He has preached on TV and radio. For the past 12 years he has broadcast his 11:00 A.M. worship service. He has conducted revivals in eight states and Cuba. The Trinity College of Clearwater, Florida, conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon Dr. Glaze for outstanding pastoral achievements. He has had orders for these messages from all 50 states and 31 foreign countries. There are almost 3 million copies of his messages in print. These messages make people think. All pastors, Sunday school and church workers who want to reach people should have them.

They are as follows . . . . .

1. WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

This message answers the following questions: Where were the wicked dead before Christ? Where were the saved dead before Christ? Do the dead know anything? Where are the dead now? Do people in Heaven know what is taking place on earth? A message you should read.

2. 20 REASONS WHY YOU MUST BE SAVED

How to be saved, how to know you are saved, and what to do after you are saved . . . are explained in full. A man in Alabama said, "I have been a Sunday School teacher and deacon for 52 years. During this time I have read everything I could find on the plan of salvation, but this message is the best I have read." He bought 200 to use in visitation. This message is helpful for pastors, Sunday School workers, and all who would be soul winners.

3. YES SIR, I KNOW THE BIBLE REASONS WHY YOU DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

These reasons will certainly blast the excuses people make for not attending church, by showing from the Bible why they do not go.

4. BIBLE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHURCH

No one will ever be the same after reading this Bible-centered, hard-hitting message. It will close the mouth of the ungodly.

5. A MESSAGE FROM THE DEVIL

A letter from the Devil to unfaithful church members, makes Christians think. It cuts like a two-edged sword. The author has been praised and cursed for this message, but God surely has used it. A lady writes, "This message alone is worth a dollar to me."

6. A MESSAGE FROM HELL TO YOU

You will never forget this message after reading it. Rev. C. E. Blumenthal of Lakeland, Georgia, writes: "It is one of the most effective pieces of Gospel literature I have ever seen!" He has ordered hundreds of them. Rev. J. C. Johnston of Chattanooga, Tennessee, writes: "God is still using these in a mighty way. Surely many souls have been saved, and our desire is to reach more in '65. Our church is growing." Rev. Johnston has used over 49,000 in his visitation program.

7. A MESSAGE FROM JOHN TO DADDY

This heart-warming and touching message was written from the viewpoint of a Junior boy to his daddy about going to church.

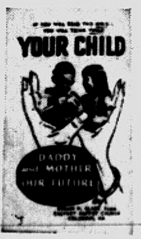
8. THESE BABIES I HAVE MET

A description of the activities of "CHURCH BABIES," calling them by name, is presented in this sermon. It should be placed in the hands of every unfaithful church member.

9. THE DEVIL'S DELIGHTS

The author gives six things he would do if he were the Devil. This is a thought-provoking, life-changing message. Five people made public decisions for the Lord the morning this sermon was preached.

10. YOUR CHILD



Durward B. Mercer, Judge, Juvenile Court Bibb County, Georgia, has the following to say about this message. "Dr. Glaze has provided us with the finest of approaches and a scriptural challenge to accept our responsibility for meeting the greatest need our children will ever have."

11. DEVIL'S JUICE

A Bible-centered, sin-denouncing message against strong drink. It will move your soul and life into action against this tool of the Devil.

12. THE WRATH OF GOD

You will find this message to be a very strong warning to sinners and backsliders. The only way to appreciate the message is to read it.

Rev. Byram H. Glaze, D.D.

13. THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

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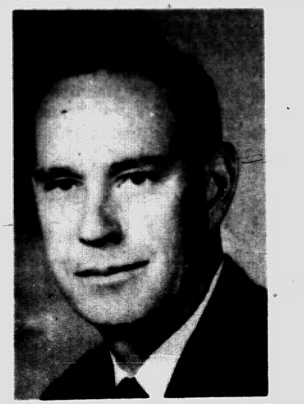

FIRST YOUTH WEEK JULY 17-22 1967 AT GULFSHORE

Dr. Joe B. Underwood, Secretary of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will be the speaker for the first of two Youth Weeks to be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly this summer. The second Youth week, to be held July 24-29, will feature Dr. Wayne Ward of Louisville, Kentucky, as the speaker.

These programs will be especially designed as inspirational programs for Intermediates and Young People and are being planned by the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Department Conferences dealing with problems being faced by today's youth, Bible study, and a special emphasis on religious drama combine to make this a most challenging program for young people.

In addition to these programs for youth, the Training Union Department is also promoting a TRAINING UNION WEEK, JULY 31-AUGUST 4. This week is planned for adults and family groups and will feature outstanding Training Union workers in leadership training.

Reservations are available by writing directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPIANS ARE ASSEMBLY BOUND THIS SUMMER

Mississippians in increasing numbers are taking advantage of the special opportunities for training at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. According to W. T. Douglas, Assemblies Manager, pre-registrations as of April 10, 1967, for the three weeks sponsored by the Mississippi Training Union Department are:

First Youth Week, July 17-22	319
Second Youth Week, July 24-29	387
Training Union Week, July 31 - August 4	118

Note: At Gulfshore we are aiming at capacity attendance of approximately 550. Training Union Week is the only week during which Training Union methods will be offered. This week is "a week designed with adults in mind." The Youth Week programs will be geared to Intermediates and Young People. The Training Union Week program will be geared to adults with an emphasis on Training Union leadership opportunities. tunities.

Mississippians also are planning to attend convention assemblies at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. Pre-registrations of Mississippians at these assemblies as of March 31, 1967, is as follow:

Glorieta		Ridgecrest	
June 8-14	3	July 6-12	33
June 15-21	105	July 13-19	50
		July 20-26	78

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— Witness Before The Sanhedrin

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 4:1-22

The healing of the lame beggar at the Temple gate aroused the Sadducees to vigorous action. They did not believe in the resurrection. Therefore, the preaching of Simon Peter, declaring that God raised Jesus from the dead, was a direct contradiction of Sadducean theology. This was aggravated by the miracle, quickly known to the multitudes in Jerusalem, which was declared to be a result of the power of Jesus alive from the dead.

The Lesson Explained

BOLD WITNESSING (vv. 5-12)

The Sanhedrin assembled. It was the same proud and heartless group that had condemned Jesus. Peter and John were brought before the court. The charge was implied by the question: "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" The real grievance against the apostles was that they had proclaimed Jesus' resurrection and, therefore, the fact of the resurrection of the dead. With a fresh sense of the presence and help of the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke fearlessly, declaring that they had done a good deed, not a crime, and that they had done it "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." God raised him up from the grave. Though he had been rejected by the religious leaders, his resurrection declared him to be the chief cornerstone, the central figure in history. Beyond this, Jesus was—he is and will forever be—the one and only way of salvation.

THE FRUSTRATED SANHEDRIN (vv. 13-18)

The Sanhedrin felt utterly frustrated. They recognized the boldness of Peter and John. And they marveled all the more because the apostles were without learning and training as rabbis but were convincing by their manner and their words. The only explanation was that "they had been with Jesus." The members of the Sanhedrin could say nothing to deny the testimony of Peter: the healed man was right in their midst, living evidence of a miracle and undeniable evidence of the power of the living Christ.

Peter and John were sent outside, while the Sanhedrin considered a course of action. The members decided to threaten Peter and John and let them go, but charge them to speak no further word to anyone about Jesus.

IMPOSSIBLE SILENCE (vv. 19-20)

The response of Peter and John to the threats and the charge of the Sanhedrin was: "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." They left it to the Sanhedrin to decide whether obedience to them or obedience to God was right. For them silence was impossible.

Truths to Live By

Fear can be overcome.— The transformation in Simon Peter is both challenge and inspiration for Christians today. After Pentecost, he became a fearless follower. Fear is not unnatural, not even for the Christian. But fear can be overcome. The secret in overcoming fear is not a denial of danger or indifference to danger but confidence in Christ whatever the danger.

Courage is required for Christian witnessing. — The early Christians felt keenly their need, and they prayed for boldness. Those who witness for Christ will encounter ridicule. They will be misunderstood and criticized. The Christian witness, therefore, must be possessed of a sense of inner compulsion that makes him daring and even willing to hazard danger for Christ's sake.

For the Christian, the authority of Christ is final. — The evil world around us will always question the authority for Christian action. The enemies of Christ will question the Christian's credentials and deny his right to speak. At every point the Christian must remember that Christ is Lord. Allegiance to him is to be supreme.

Rev. Johnny Parks

GLENFIELD CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Johnny Parks has accepted the pastorate of Glenfield Church, New Albany. He moved to New Albany from Memphis, Tenn., where he served as pastor of the Victory Heights Church. A native of Pontotoc County, he held pastorates in Pontotoc, Union, and Lee Counties before moving to Shelby County, Tenn. Mr. Parks is married to the former Olene Lakey of Sherman. They have one son, Jeffrey. He succeeds Rev. R. J. Wiseman, who has entered full-time evangelism.

The ancient Chaldean temple of Nebuchadnezzar, described by the early Greek historian Herodotus, was dedicated to the seven heavenly spheres, and each of its seven levels was adorned with a color symbolizing a certain heavenly body.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— The Spirit Leads The Church

By Bill Duncan

Acts 13:1-4 16:4-15

The role of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts cannot be overlooked. It was the Spirit that breathed upon the group uniting them as a church. The Spirit led the group and empowered them for His service. The truth is that the Spirit wants to lead the church today as then. A sad commentary on our time was given by a speaker when he said, "If the Holy Spirit were to be taken out of the world it would take years for some church members to know it and 50% of the church work would continue."

Call of The Spirit

The scripture declares the definiteness of the declaration of the activity of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit said "He made known His will so that they had neither doubt nor uncertainty. One needs to understand that this is not the church choosing or discussing the fitness of these men. The choice was not the churches. This choice was based upon a prior fact in the activity of the Spirit, "I have called them". It is not idle to speculate when these men were called. Some believe in II Corinthians 12:1-4 we see the call of Paul. Evidently there was an affirmity of mind and purpose between these two men. The spirit said I have called them.

Course of The Spirit

The method of the Spirit with the church is revealed in the command, "Separate me." Thereby he called the church into activity with Himself. Most likely this message came finally to the whole Christian church in Antioch. He called the men to the work, but before they went he called the church into definite cooperation with Himself in separating them. The course of action gave them freedom and authority. The Spirit wanted the church to recognize the call and submit to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit works through the assembly, but the assembly has no power to move save under the inspiration and impulse of the Spirit. The Spirit must direct, control, suggest, choose, elect, equip all who are to do its work. This is a picture of the Spirit and the church, working in perfect harmony accomplishing this purpose.

Conditions of the Spirit

What are the conditions under which it was possible for the Spirit best to work? First of all, we see in verse one that the Spirit worked with the church. Not to the city of Antioch but the Spirit spoke to the church—the called out ones. This church was made up of those who had believed in Christ and had been baptized by the Spirit into living association with the living Lord. It is a picture of a group able to discover His will.

In the church of Antioch there were gifts bestowed upon individuals by the Holy Spirit. These were prophets who spoke forth the Word of God. These were teachers who had been given understanding and ability to impart their knowledge to others. In Judaism, the son of the high priest succeeded to the priesthood. Here we see no succession in the church but the Lord is present in His church bestowing his ability and gifts. These men had personal fellowship and insight into the heart of God.

In this church there was activity. They ministered to the Lord and fasted. The word 'ministered' is most suggestive, and from it we get the word 'liturgy'. Therefore they were a worshiping people. The whole church was engaged in the sacred ministry of worship. The outcome of worship is always readiness to obey the Spirit. Worship is necessary if work is successful. The term "fast" indicates a special season of spiritual exercise in which the church was separated for the purpose worship the Lord.

Cooperation with The Spirit

The word "then" speaks of obedience to the will of the Lord. How the Spirit spoke is not as important as what He said. The force of the Spirit obscured the instrument. The cooperation was orderly. They fasted and prayed for the men who were to be separated. No Apostles laid their hands upon them, but it was members of the church, possibly prophets and teachers. "They sent them away" speaks of releasing Paul and Barnabas with the idea of taking the responsibility of all that they would need. The Spirit "sent them," not the church. No man can go unless the Spirit calls him, and then let him remember that it is his business to go forward within the fellowship and guidance of the church.

Counsel of the Spirit

16:4-15

Here we see the guidance of the Spirit conflicting with Paul's intentions when there is no revelation of the method. Some say the Spirit guided through Paul's illness, causing him to need a physician in Troas. We know the Spirit guides by circumstances, disappointments, commonplace things or impressions that last. There is a confidence of the Spirit when no voice is heard, and no vision seen. We know the Spirit guided by the vision of the man of Macedonia. The Spirit will guide the man who is in the right attitude for the Spirit to guide.

MINISTERIAL WIVES' MEET

The April meeting of the Ministerial Wives' Association at Mississippi College was held in the home of Mrs. Buford Easley on Thursday night, April 13.

Each person brought towels or bath cloths to send to The Community Hospital for this month's Community Missions Project.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Easley, President, and opened with prayer by Mrs. Ivo Livingston. Following a brief business session, Mrs. Julia Todd was introduced as guest speaker. Those present enjoyed her talk on her experiences as a minister's wife.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
THE HEAT IS UP GOING

HOME MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL EXCEEDED—Miss Wilma Gayle Dillon (pictured), Clarke College sophomore from Tylertown, speaks with deep emotion to the assembled college family of success in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in March. The goal for the offering had been set at 567.26. The base figure of $500 had the '67 added, representing the current year; and the number 26 represents the number of Clarke students appointed to serve under the Home Mission Board this summer. The "thermometer" gauge (left, picture) recorded the rise of the offering total from time to time. The map of the United States (right) had tiny flags added as certain portions of the offering were announced in chapel. The final total was $649.00. Miss Dillon is president of the College Y. W. A.

LAYMEN URGED TO ATTEND HOME MISSION WEEKS

ATLANTA (GA.)—Baptists are being asked to add a creative element to their vacations by spending a week at summer home missions conferences in Glorieta, N.M., or Ridgecrest, N.C.

Special mission sessions open to laymen and women include juvenile rehabilitation, weekday ministries, literacy missions, language missions, metropolitan missions, and personal witnessing.

Home Missions Week at Glorieta is Aug. 3-9, at Ridgecrest Aug. 17-23.

S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Church in San Diego, Calif., will preach at evening sessions at Glorieta.

C. A. Roberts Jr., pastor of First Church, Tallahassee, Fla., and president of the SBC pastors' conference, will be the preacher at Ridgecrest.

Malcolm O. Tolbert, associate professor at New Orleans Seminary, will serve as Bible teacher at Glorieta. Olin T. Binkley, president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., will teach at Ridgecrest.

Glorieta is in the Sangre De Cristo Range near Santa Fe, N.M. Ridgecrest is in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, N.C.

For reservations, write to Mark Short, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M. 87535; or to Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

LUCIEN PLANS HOMECOMING

Lucien Church (Franklin County) will have Homecoming Day on April 30.

Rev. Franklin Haire, a former pastor, will be guest preacher. Homer Case will be in charge of special music.

There will be preaching services at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon services. Rev. Julius B. Gonia is pastor.

MC SPONSORS ART TOUR

The Art Department of Mississippi College will sponsor its first annual spring art tour, according to Bob Dunaway, instructor in the department.

The group, to be composed of 36 students, will be traveling to Chicago, Ill., going by way of St. Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Ill.

According to Dunaway, the purpose of the tour will be to view some of the art treasures owned by the various art museums in the cities.

the highlight of the tour will be two days in Chicago to see the retrospective showing of the works of Andrew Wyeth, one of America's foremost artists.

The bus tour will also include the St. Louis Art Museum, the Lincoln Shrines in Springfield, and Lincoln's New Salem, Ill., home.

Lectures in Bloomington, Ill., by George Barford, an authority on contemporary architecture, and Percival Roberts, III, poet laureate of Delaware, will round out the tour.

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AT ELLISVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Laurel Teen-Age Girls Supervise Entertainment Time For Children

In today's world there are those who discuss with either relish or pity the many transgressions attributed to "teenagers". This being so, it is well to recognize and to comment upon the good and generous young people.

Eleven girls, attractive, lively, happy teen-agers, members of the Y.W.A. of Laurel's Highland Baptist Church, are a component part of what may be erroneously tagged "the maligned generation." They have, since late February, been giving of their time and talents to serve the retarded children at Ellisville State School. On a proposed bi-weekly basis the girls and their leader, Mrs. James Baldwin, have met in the Special Education Department of the School with limited groups of children (usually ten in number). There they have provided entertainment, supervised games and table work, held story hours, engaged in singing for and with their grateful little guests.

At Easter the girls, accompanied by Mrs. Jimmy Knight, were hostesses at a party and "hunt" for the children. They took along gay, colored eggs, Easter candies, small baskets. Special singing marked the afternoon's program.

Each of the eleven girls could find much to occupy the hours she gives to the "least of these." Not one of them looks for other pursuits but finds reward in the satisfaction born of "giving." Their generosity brings warm smiles of gratitude, happy peals of laughter in the limited world of a group of little children.

Rev. Guy Reedy, pastor at Highland Church, Laurel, says that it is a most gratifying experience to see the interest the girls have taken in their project and to witness their reaction to the results. He says that the beauty of "giving" has added color to the lives of the YWA members even as their "giving" has added color to the lives of those who are receiving.

Research Project Open To Ministers

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—Clergymen who wish to widen and deepen their understanding of modern research and technology are being invited to apply for participation in an unusual two-week conference in Oak Ridge, Tenn., July 31-August 11.

The conference, being presented by the Special Projects Office of Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)" is designed to provide clergymen with a knowledge of the nature, scope and trends of contemporary science. It is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and will be given in cooperation with Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Nuclear Education and Training.

Up to 30 participants representative of the religious bodies in the United States will be selected. The majority of the participants will be clergymen actively engaged in pastoral work. A limited number of teachers from universities, seminaries and theological schools will be included.

Participants in the conference will receive stipends to cover living costs in Oak Ridge and as a partial reimbursement for traveling expenses.

Full information may be obtained by writing the Special Projects Office, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, P. O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

Candace Collier

MC SENIOR TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND

Miss Candace Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Collier of Leland and a member of the Clinton Church, will graduate from Mississippi College in May of this year with her degree in Music Education and Voice and will leave soon thereafter for a tour of Europe and the Near East. As an outstanding student, Miss Collier has received many honors during her four years of college work.

While a student at Clarke College, she was the recipient of the Cynthia Heritage Voice Scholarship, served as secretary of Music Educators' National Conference, and was an outstanding member of the Choralettes. In Mississippi College she was chosen for the role of contralto soloist for the presentation of Meudelssahu's Oratoria "St. Paul." She plans to begin her work this fall as a church music director.

Miss Collier, along with other college students and members of Dr. Bob N. Ramsay's Deluxe Tour to Europe and the Near East, will depart from Jackson and New York on June 6, and will return to the States 23 days later. The tour is a gift from her aunt, Mrs. A. O. Huddleston of Leland.

Names In The News

Miss Tommie Goins, 1966 graduate of Blue Mountain College, will be featured speaker at a luncheon meeting on May 3, during the Region Four National Rehabilitation Association Conference meeting at the Heidelberg Hotel then in Jackson. Around 400 rehabilitation workers from six Southeastern states are expected to attend the conference. Miss Goins, deaf-blind young New Albany woman, is now enrolled in graduate school at the University of Mississippi.

Elliott Blair Mohon of Clinton is recipient of the Delta Sigma Pi scholarship key and plaque which goes to the male senior with the highest academic record in the business school. He will graduate from Mississippi College in May and has accepted a three-year scholarship to Mississippi State University to work toward a Ph.D. degree in business administration.

Howard Godfrey of Pontotoc, Mississippi College senior, has received the Wall Street Journal Award, an annual presentation made to the best all-around business graduate selected by the faculty of the Division of Business and Economics. He will enter graduate school at Ole Miss in the fall.

Miss Patricia Lightsey of Heidelberg has been named as winner of the G. M. Rogers Award at Mississippi College. The award is presented in memory of Mr. Rogers to the graduating senior in the business school who has demonstrated outstanding ability and scholarship in the business field.

Miss Linda Ross of Pelahatchie, Mississippi College student is recipient of the National Business Education Award, which goes to a major in business education with high scholastic ranking and who shows promise of being a good teacher.

Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, West Africa, will arrive in Meridian on May 13 for her third furlough. She will be arriving at the Meridian Airport at 12:55 p.m. on Flight SO 193 on Southern Airlines. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick of Noxapater.

Rev. Ed Bryon of Clinton was evangelist for revival meeting at Greenwood Church, Greenwood, Louisiana, April 2-9. Harold Nicks of Marshall, Texas, was the singer. There were 15 professions of faith and four additions by letter. Rev. George Carkeet is the pastor.

Jim Anderson was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the New Hope Church, Gulf Coast Association. He is a freshman at Jeff Davis College.

Jim Shields was recently ordained as deacon at the Perkinston Church. He is a teacher at Perkinston Junior College.

James Oakes, layman from Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, has answered the call to preach, and has been called to pastor Union Chapel Church, Riverside Association. He was ordained April 16 at Oakhurst.

Church Gives Hoff Trip To Holy Land

Members of the Eudora Church, Eudora, Arkansas, and friends are sending Rev. L. C. Hoff on an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land and Rome, Paris, Berlin and London.

Mr. Hoff is a Mississippian and formerly pastored churches in Mississippi; among them were Bunker Hill, Columbia, First Baptist Church of Florence, County Line, Crystal Springs and he went to Eudora from the East Howard Baptist Church of Biloxi.

He will join other Mississippians on the tour conducted by Dr. O. P. Moore, Professor of Bible at Clarke Memorial College, Newton. Rev. Hoff has been at Eudora a little over three years. The group will leave New York on June 6.

Rev. C. B. Blackwell, pastor of Meadowview Church, Jackson County, is still in Veteran's Hospital. **Rev. J. B. Laney**, superintendent of missions, and others have been helping in pulpit supply.

Theo Wright, student at Clarke College, has been called as interim pastor of Lena Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright of Lyon, he was ordained at Lyon Church April 16. Rev. Floyd Higginbotham preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. Clyde Williams gave the charge to the candidate.

DEVOTIONAL

Thanking God For Difficulty

By Malcolm A. Jones, Pastor, First, Houston

How often we find occasion to praise God for His abundant blessings. How often there has been stirred in our minds and hearts, emotions of gratitude and praise for physical and spiritual blessings that have added luster to life. Yet, how often do we thank God for hardship? To be thankful for hardships possibly is the most difficult praise to offer God but at the same time, the most rewarding.

THANKFULNESS FOR HARDSHIP, FIRST OF ALL, IS A PREVENTIVE OF BITTERNESS. (There are few more ugly traits than those which are suggested by the word self; self-centered, self-conscious, self-sufficient, self-pitying, self-satisfied. Men who see only this interpersonal world have not seen the world as it really is.) We cannot afford to put blinders on as to stark reality that we live in a world of trouble. Our life comes to us in many hues. Life is a varied kind of experience and not always do we prosper. Not always do we have health. Not always do we possess wealth, but in the frame of life's changing experiences we can learn to be thankful.

THANKFULNESS FOR TROUBLE CAN ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR LIVING. The true blessings of life do not always come to us in neat little packages. This was illustrated in the life of a lad whose legs were twisted at birth and upon whom it became necessary to place heavy braces. The father went through the difficult ordeal of adjusting the thumbscrews on these braces each day. This boy, with straightened legs, expressed it succinctly, "I have learned to be grateful for a father who turned the thumbscrews even when it hurt." Jesus promised that we would suffer and that if we suffered with Him we would also reign with Him. And, if we would bear the cross we would also wear a crown. He promised that blessings would come out of persecution for righteousness sake. As one put it, a Christian's life is a life of comfort, challenge, trust and trouble and one is never far behind the other. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians was that their faith might be able to encompass all of life's experiences. He indicated to these that without a doubt God even intends to take their suffering and to make them, by this, worthy of His kingdom.

WE NEED TO HAVE THE PERSPECTIVE OF A THANKFUL HEART. Let us realize that life's best has continued to come to us and that even if life's worst has come, the best also keeps coming. Or to say concerning our difficult task. "Thank God for His trust of me with a difficult job." Or with our difficult ordeals, "Thank God for risking me in such a high place." Or of difficult loneliness or loss to which we must accustom ourselves, "Thank God for His presence in the midst of the shadows.

The secret of it is found in Romans 1:8 which indicates the PRIORITY OF THANKSGIVING. He said here, "First of all I thank my God." Thankfulness for every occasion in life is possible when the experience is reflected through God's purpose and design.

Rev. R. L. Sheffield

South Side Meridian, Calls New Pastor

Rev. R. L. Sheffield, new pastor of Meridian's South Side Church, assumed his duties on April 16.

Mr. Sheffield, a native of Jackson, was licensed and ordained by Raymond Church. He was graduated from Hinds High School and Hinds Junior College at Raymond, and received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

He moved to Meridian from Mt. Vernon Church at Columbus, where he has served as pastor for the past 2* years. His past experience included supply and pastoral work in Texas and Mississippi.

During his stay in Columbus, he has been quite active in associational work, and the civic life of the community. He is a past president of the Lowndes County Baptist Pastors' Conference; and served as associational clerk and chairman of the missions committee for the Lowndes County Association.

He is married to the former Barbara Speight of Jackson. They are the parents of two children, Barbara Lynn, 5, and Carol Lee, 2.

. . .One in every four college students is married.

AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 4

International Congress On Religion, Architecture, And The Visual Arts

An International Congress on Religion, Architecture and the Visual Arts, the first of its kind, has been called by 35 sponsoring organizations in 19 countries, to meet at the New York Hilton, Aug. 27 through Sept. 2 and at the Royal Victoria College, McGill University, Sept. 2 through 4.

The congress will be interfaith and involve the interrelated disciplines of theology, sociology, urban planning and design, architecture and the visual arts.

The call to the congress states its purposes as: "to examine the forces changing contemporary life and religious institutions; to describe the relationships among religion, architecture and the visual arts; to assess the role of architecture and art in expressing the religious needs of contemporary man; to probe the historical relationship between man and his expression through art and architecture; to study the performance of art and architecture in the service of religious groups; to consider the future needs of the community of believers, and to suggest architectural and artistic responses to those needs."

The congress will have three sessions. The first session will start with a Sunday evening reception at the Museum of Modern Art followed by two days of seminars with limited attendance; the next two days will be given over to a plenary session with a broader attendance and two major architectural exhibits which will be analyzed and criticized at the plenary session, and another day which will be devoted to organizational meetings of the sponsoring organizations and travel to Canada. Saturday, the beginning of the Labor Day weekend, will be spent at a seminar at McGill University, an architectural tour of Montreal, and the remaining days at Expo '67.

Information about registration for the congress is available by writing the International Congress on Religion, Architecture and the Visual Arts, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10010.

James Henry Hudson

Is Licensed At Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Church, Magee, Rev. Don Womack, pastor, licensed James Henry Hudson to the gospel ministry on Sunday night, April 16.

Mr. Hudson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hudson, is graduating from high school at Mendenhall this year, and plans to enter Clarke College this fall.

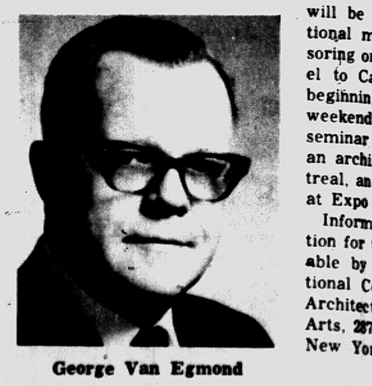
He is married to the former Sandra Tanner. They live at Route 3, Mendenhall.

LOCUST STREET CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Melvin R. Jones has accepted the pastorate of Locust Street Church, McComb.

He moved to this church from Westside Emmanuel Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is a native of Wayne County, Miss.

Mrs. Jones, the former Mary Nelle Berry of Columbus, is also a graduate of Mississippi College. They have three children.



George Van Egmond

RETURNS TO NEW ALBANY

First Church, New Albany, has called George Van Egmond, Minister of Music at First Church, Vicksburg, as their new music director.

Mr. Van Egmond served for eight years at New Albany before going to Vicksburg to serve two and one-half years. Mrs. Van Egmond is an approved worker with the Sunday School Department. They have moved into a new home built for the music director. The church welcomed them with a reception.

Rev. William F. Evans is New Albany pastor.

Rock Hill Plans Homecoming Day

Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, will hold Homecoming Day April 30, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Claude Townsend of Florence, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be speaker for the morning service. Afternoon services will include messages by former pastors. Dinner will be served at the church; the public is invited.

Dr. Roy Rogers, secretary, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, is interim pastor.

REVIVAL DATES

Meadow Grove (Rankin): April 30-May 7; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, superintendent of missions, Rankin County, evangelist; Rev. Arlis Nichols, minister of music, First, Brandon, singer; Rev. James Brannon, pastor.

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Calvary Church, Greenville: April 30-May 7; Rev. James D. Watson of Indianola, full-time evangelist, preaching. (He was formerly pastor at Second, Indianola, and Second, Kosciusko. He has held 139 revivals in Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Alabama in recent years.) J. B. Betts, song leader. (He recently recorded an album of songs which he will be singing during the revival.) Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor.

Walker

Smith

West Laurel Church, Laurel: May 1-7; services: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, 7:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Rev. David Walker, Cleveland Tennessee, evangelist; Carl Smith, Monroe, Louisiana, singer; Rev. D. J. Benson, pastor.

Northcrest Church, Meridian: May 4-7; services at 7:30 nightly; youth-led revival; Bobby Newell, student at New Orleans Seminary, (and graduate of Meridian High School and Mississippi College), youth preacher; Jerry Simmons, graduate of Meridian High School, and now a sophomore at Mississippi College, song leader; Janice Newell, organist; Calvin Perminter, pianist; Rev. Leonard Hololway, pastor.

Cato Church, Rankin County, April 28-30; Rev. James Young, evangelist; Rev. Cecil Clegg, music director. Friday night there will be a fellowship supper at 6:00 p. m., services at 7:30 each evening. Sunday services at the usual hours. Rev. Ken Pickens is the pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

First Baptist Church, Natchez: April 3-9: baptisms, 16: by letter, 2; rededications, 5; evangelist, Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, Tenn.; singer, Bob Jones, Minister of Music, First Church, Gulfport; Rev. Tom W. Dunlap, Jr., pastor.

Parkway Church, Kosciusko; April 9-14; Rev. James Fancher, First Church, Aberdeen, evangelist; Herman A. Milner, Jr., singer; Rev. Harold M. Hilbun, Pastor; 12 professions of faith; five additions by letter; 10 rededications; and one surrendered to ministry.

Calvary Church, Columbia: April 10-16; Dr. James A. Howard, Landrum, South Carolina, evangelist; Mrs. Howard worked through visitation and a conference before each service with the Intermediates of the church; Dwayne Chapman was in charge of the music; Rev. Crawford Williams, pastor.

First, Crystal Springs: April 16 - 23; Rev. Fred Tarpley, Supt. of Missions, Hinds Baptist Association, evangelist; Thomas Moak, Minister of Music, Ridgecrest, Jackson, song leader; 29 decisions — 21 for baptism, 4 by letter, and 4 rededications; Rev. Estus Mason, pastor.

Juneau, Alaska, has the distinction of being the northern-most capital and the coldest city in the U.S., with an average annual temperature of 40.1 degrees F.

Baptist Pastor - - -

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become a Baptist.) He has been a pastor for eleven years, four years at Las Palmas and seven years before that, in Valencia.

He carries a photograph of his lovely wife, the former Manolita Balapuer, also of Barcelona, and three daughters, Heidi, 10, Miriam, 6, and Yolanda - Alicia, two months.

In the Canary Islands, the weather is almost like spring all year, he says. His family's favorite recreation is going to the seaside, for beaches are plentiful and very near the city.

One of the main foods of the islands is **gufio**, a special flour made from maize that can be eaten in a variety of ways—mixed with honey, or with water, or made into little cakes, etc. Fish are inexpensive. And now the islanders are also eating chickens from America.

Mr. Torras picked up a Bible and opened it to Revelation 2:10, "This is my favorite scripture passage: 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.'

"If I could preach a sermon in one sentence, what would I say? I would say, 'Christ saves today!' "

Off The Record

An impatient dowager fumed because the hotel elevator did not arrive immediately when she pushed the button.

"Where have you been?" she snapped at the operator.

Came the sensible reply: "Where can you go in an elevator?"

It was Friday at 5 p.m. and the office staff was about to leave for the week end when the boss rushed out and asked his secretary, "What are you going to do Sunday night, Miss Jones?"

"Why nothing, nothing at all," she replied excitedly.

"Wonderful!" the boss exclaimed. "Then maybe you'll be on time Monday morning."